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FTA WITH E.U. WILL BE MOTHER OF ALL DEALS, SAYS PIYUSH GOYAL

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Friday said negotiations with the 27-member European Union are in their last phase

CONCLUSION OF TALKS LIKELY ON JANUARY 27

The conclusion of the talks for the agreement between India and EU is likely to be announced on January 27. India is looking at zero-duty market access for its labour-intensive sectors such as textiles, leather, handlooms, and processed foods. EU is seeking greater access to Indian markets for auto exports, wines, and hi-tech manufacturing sectors | **P15**

INDIA GETTING A SUPER DEAL, SAYS MINISTER

- European Council president Antonio Luis Santos da Costa and European Commission chief Ursula von der Leyen will be on a state visit from Jan 25-27. They are chief guests at the 77th Republic Day
- Goyal said India is getting a super deal, and is giving EU a great deal too. "The good part is that we do not compete with each other."

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WAS INDIA'S BILATERAL TRADE IN GOODS WITH THE E.U. IN 2024-25

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Captures BMC and most of the 28 other municipal corporations that went to polls

BJP-led alliance wrests country's richest civic body

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE BJP and Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena together breached the Thackeray citadel in Asia's richest civic body, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), by winning 116 of the 227 seats that were up for grabs, narrowly going past the halfway mark of 114.

For the first time after 25 years, the BMC could have a non-Shiv Sainik as mayor. However, the narrow majority could prod Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's Sena to lay claim to the post. In 2022, he became the surprise chief minister after toppling the Uddhav Thackeray-led government.

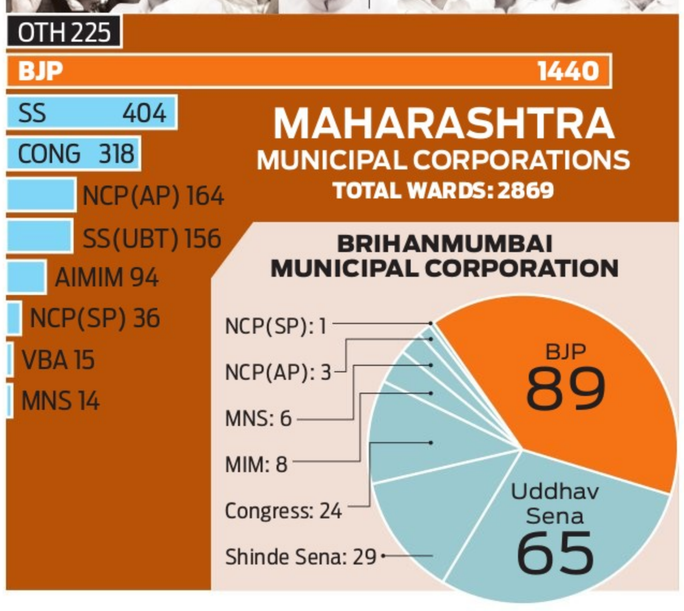
"I am extremely grateful to my sisters and brothers of Mumbai for blessing the NDA," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in a post on X. "Mumbai is the pride of our nation. It is the city of aspiration. It is a city that drives our growth," he said.

In the BMC elections, the BJP won 89 seats against the previous tally of 82, while Uddhav's Sena won 65 seats against the 84 his party won in 2017. The Shinde-led Sena bagged 29 seats, while Raj Thackeray's MNS performed poorly with just six, and Congress slid to 24. Ajit Pawar's NCP and NCP (Sharad Pawar) won three and one seats, respectively.

Of the total 29 civic body elections, the BJP managed to win over 20, which include Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Jalgaon, Dhule, Sangali-Miraj, Jalna, Ulhas Nagar, Akola, Vasai Virar, Amaravati, Sambhaji Nagar, Nanded, Panvel and Kalyan Dombivali, while the Congress managed to win Latur, Parbhani, Chandrapur, Bhiwandi and Kolhapur. The Shinde Sena held Thane, and the Ajit Pawar-led the NCP secured a win in the Ahilyanagar Municipal Corporation election. The AIMIM won in the Malegaon civic body against the Shiv Sena.

The victory of the BJP in most of the civic bodies is a stamp on the leadership of incumbent Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis. He steered the BJP to emerge as the single largest party by leading/winning as many as 1,440 corporators in the 29 civic bodies while the Shinde Sena secured 404, Congress 318, Uddhav Sena 156 seats, Ajit Pawar-led NCP 164 and Sharad Pawar-led NCP SP 36.

The outcome could embolden the BJP to go it alone in the 2029 assembly elections. As for the Opposition, it needs to introspect how to fight against the BJP effectively. Lazy armchair approach will not work against a party that does 24/7 politics with a mega poll machinery.



Padi pooja in corruption spotlight at Sabarimala

SHAN A S @ T'Puram

AMID the Sabarimala gold theft case sending shockwaves across Kerala, the Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau's (VACB) intelligence wing has warned of entrenched corruption and irregularities at the famous hill shrine, notably in the allotment of the prized *padi pooja* offering. In a 'source report', the intelligence wing calls for a sustained and precise action to root out the malpractices at Sabarimala, carried out with the active connivance of the Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) staff and their agents.

EXPRESS EXCLUSIVE

The report, accessed by this newspaper, notes that 18 types of poojas and 39 kinds of offerings are performed at the shrine, with malpractices detected in the manner the TDB staff intervened in several rituals for monetary gain. As for *padi pooja*, the bookings are full till 2041. The intelligence report flags that most of these slots were cornered by TDB staff and their benamis, and later resold to devotees at steep premiums.

While the official rate of *padi pooja* is ₹1.37 lakh, benamis charge devotees up to 10 times that amount. To conceal the fraud, the names of the actual devotees who paid for the ritual were not recorded by the devaswom board.Also, many of those who booked *padi pooja* in the past five years did not perform the ritual, with the slots instead being auctioned to higher bidders. Similar irregularities were flagged in rituals like *thanka anki charthu* (booking full till 2035), *ashtabhishekam* (booking full till 2035), *sahasrakalasham* (booking full till 2030), *udayasthamana pooja*, *pushpabhishekam* and *kalasabhishekam*.

The report also flags large-scale irregularities in the allotment of rooms at Sannidhanam. Devaswom guards and security personnel have also been named for accepting financial favours from affluent devotees in return for facilitating VIP-style darshan. It makes damning observations against TDB staff, accusing them of acting as agents for travel operators by arranging premium accommodation, expedited darshan, and pooja slots in exchange for extra cash. The source report calls for a detailed probe into temporary appointments at the Sabarimala, pointing out that many individuals have been repeatedly engaged on a temporary basis over the past decade.

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EXPRESS READ

Bhimanna Khandre passes away at 103

BENGALURU: Veteran Congress leader and former president of the Veerashaiva Lingayat Mahasabha Bhimanna Khandre (103) passed away on Friday night at Bhalki in Bidar. He is survived by two sons — Forest Minister Eshwar B Khandre and Bidar DCC Bank president Amar Kumar Khandre — and four daughters | **P4**

Siddu hints next budget will be tight

TUMAKURU: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday gave an indication that his budget for 2026-27 would be tight, as he promised ₹6 crore to develop sports facilities in Tumakuru, against ₹25 crore demanded by Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara | **P4**

RCB proposes AI cams for better crowd control

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

EVEN as the suspense over M Chinnaswamy Stadium hosting this year's IPL matches continues, Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) has proposed to install 300-350 AI-powered cameras at the stadium to ensure improved crowd management. In a communication to Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA), RCB said the advanced surveillance technology will empower the association and law enforcement agencies to efficiently manage crowd, ensure disciplined queueing, and monitor unauthorised access through real-time tracking of entries and exits.

KSCA said RCB will bear the entire cost, which is estimated to be around ₹4.5cr. The club has partnered with Gurugram-based tech firm Staqu.

With advanced analysis of video, audio and text data, the system will enhance investigation and enable accurate decision-making. The real-time AI video analytics capability is said to allow for early detection of incidents such as violence, unauthorised access and intrusion.

DOMICILE RULE

Planning a BDA flat? Residency norm may be cut to 2 years

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) is planning to relax domicile norms for the allotment of its houses and flats by reducing the mandatory requirement of residency in Bengaluru from 10 years to just two. The move is aimed at clearing the inventory of unsold properties.

A BDA official said a proposal to reduce the domicile criterion is under active discussion, but is not a government order yet. The move is intended to widen the pool of eligible applicants, official added. The change proposes that applicants will only need to prove 2 years of residence in Bengaluru, along with a valid city address and Aadhaar card. The move will apply to both Karnataka residents and applicants from other states.

BDA maintains it currently has no pending applications for houses and all earlier applications have been processed.

The move drew criticism from some residents, who argued that easing domicile norms could put long-term Bengalureans at a disadvantage and favour "outsiders". BDA countered, saying it is driven by practical considerations as it is essential to boost sales and support urban development.

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A Warm Welcome to All

ALMANAC TODAY

- **Saturday:** 17.01.2026 • **Year:** Vishwavasu • **Ayana:** Uththarayana
- **Ritu:** Himanth • **Masa:** Pausha • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Chaturdasi 11.42 pm
- **Nakshatra:** Moola 8.23 am • Moon in Makara Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 09:00 am to 10:30am
- **Gulikakala:** 06:00 am to 07:30 am • **Yamaganda:** 01:49 pm to 03:26 pm

WEATHER

MIN 13°C | MAX 29°C

FORECAST Scattered clouds

Sunrise 06.46 am · Sunset 06.13 pm · Moonrise 05.30 am · Moonset 04.58 pm

POTHOLE SHATTERS TECHIE'S SHOULDER, CITIZENS TO PROTEST

Victim says ORR stretch not repaired for months, surgery will cost him over Rs 1.25 lakh

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), which has stated repeatedly that it has filled thousands of potholes across the city, came under severe criticism after an IT firm employee suffered a shoulder injury when his scooter landed in a pothole. Sridhar Mudooru was injured on CDP Road connecting Varthur-Panathur road in Mahadevapura Assembly constituency on January 12.

Mudooru told *TNIE* that he has suffered a severe fracture and doctors have told him to undergo a surgery costing over Rs 1.25 lakh. He also needs to rest for a month, while full recovery will take over six months. "I pass the Outer Ring Road (ORR) every day for work, and this stretch has not been repaired for several months. Had the authorities fixed it, the accident would not have happened. Besides losing money, I also have to bear the pain of this fracture, for no fault of mine," he said.

Sridhar Mudooru in hospital; (right) X-ray of his fractured shoulder

Taking note of his accident, the TejaVeera Yodhas, a volunteer organisation, comprising residents from the IT belt, like Balagere, Panathur and Varthur, announced that a massive protest will be held demanding that the stretch be fixed. The organisation, led by Swetha Rangaswamy, appealed to all residents to take part in the citizen-led cleaning drive on the Balagere-Varthur-Gunjur road.

Citizen activist Dhananjaya Padmanabhachar said that anyone injured in an accident because of a bad road can file a case. "The injured can approach the jurisdictional police station and file a complaint, stating that the accident occurred due to the negligence in maintaining the road (potholes, open drains, unmarked excavations, etc.), register an FIR under Sections 279 (if any vehicle was involved), 338 (grievous hurt) or 337 (simple injury) of IPC against unknown persons."

He said, "The police often hesitate to name the municipal corporation or officials directly in the FIR, but they must record the complaint and the condition of the road. Municipal officials can be proceeded against if the road condition was dangerous and known, and there was a failure to repair, barricade, or warn, amounting to criminal negligence. A municipal body can be made a respondent for negligence and made to pay compensation for medical expenses, loss of income, pain, and suffering."

Executive Engineer, Marathalli division, Uday Chougle, said there are no potholes in his jurisdiction, and the road where the accident occurred comes under the Whitefield division, which is looked after by Executive Engineer Raghavendra. However, Raghavendra was not available for comment.

PUBLIC DEMAND

Metro daily passes trigger demand for monthly passes

INDRA S @ Bengaluru

BANGALORE Metro Rail Corporation Limited's (BMRCL) decision to introduce mobile QR-based unlimited travel passes for one, three and five days has sparked a wider conversation among Bengaluru's daily commuters, many of whom say what the city urgently needs is an affordable monthly pass rather than short-duration options.

From January 15, BMRCL rolled out digital passes through the Namma Metro app, allowing unlimited travel without the Rs 50 refundable deposit required for smart cards. While the move is being seen as a push towards contactless and paperless travel, regular office-goers argue that the pricing and structure do little to ease their daily expenses.

S Prabhakaran, a frequent Metro user, said a daily pass priced at Rs 250 or Rs 300 does not address the realities of everyday commuting. "What Bengaluru needs is a monthly pass that works across both the Metro and buses. Spending over Rs 100 for a two-way Metro commute, and then extra for buses or parking, already stretches monthly budgets," he said.

Kalai, another commuter, echoed the sentiment, saying the daily pass makes sense only for tourists or people making multiple trips across the city. "Most office commuters travel from home to work and back. For them, Rs 250 a day is too expensive. A lower price point or a monthly option would actually encourage people to shift to public transport," she said.

"If I'm already paying around Rs 180 for my commute, the pass offers no real benefit. A monthly pass would be far more practical and commuter-friendly," said Shekaran, who commutes daily by Metro, pointing out that even the longest two-way journey costs less than a daily pass.

METRO SKYWALK OPENS, LINKS PATTANDUR AGRAHARA STATION TO BIZ PARK, MALL

Bengaluru: The International Tech Park Bangalore (ITPB) on Friday inaugurated the 'ITPB Metro Skywalk', a dedicated elevated pedestrian corridor connecting Pattandur Agrahara Metro Station on the Purple Line directly to ITPB and Park Square Mall, improving last-mile connectivity in Whitefield. According to ITPB, the 320-foot skywalk, elevated 24 feet above the road, is expected to benefit over 55,000 professionals working at ITPB, besides shoppers and visitors, by enabling seamless, safe and time-saving access between the Metro station, the business park and the mall without the need to cross busy roads. The project is also expected to ease traffic congestion around the ITPB junction. Built with structural steel and concrete, the skywalk features energy-efficient lighting, eco-friendly materials, elevators and ramps, ensuring universal accessibility, the organisation added. The skywalk was inaugurated by Gauri Shankar Nagabhushanam, CEO, CapitaLand India Trust. **ENS**

Tejasvi seeks reconstitution of Metro Fare Fixation panel

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Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya has written to both the Centre and the state government opposing the proposed increase in Namma Metro fares and urged that the planned annual hike be put on hold, citing unresolved anomalies in the fare fixation process and requested the reconstitution of the Fare Fixation Committee (FFC).

In letters addressed to Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Manohar Lal Khattar, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar and BMRCL Managing Director Ravishankar J, the MP flagged what he described as serious errors in the FFC recommendations.

Surya pointed out that the 2025 Fare Fixation Committee, constituted under the Metro Railway Operations and Maintenance Act, 2002, led to an average fare increase of about 50%, raising the maximum ticket price from Rs 60 to Rs 90 and making Bengaluru Metro the most expensive in the country. He said the FFC had also recommended an automatic annual fare revision of up to 5%, which is scheduled to take effect from next month.

The MP said a review of the FFC report revealed multiple arithmetic errors, particularly use of 2016-17 as the base year for calculating operating costs, which he said deviated from standard fare revision methodology. He said despite these anomalies being flagged earlier, including during in-person meetings, they remain uncorrected.

Surya has requested the Union government to reconstitute a new Fare Fixation Committee to rectify the anomalies and rationalise fares. He also sought that the proposed annual fare hike be put on hold until the issues are addressed.

GBA chief tells officials to get ready for R-Day

Bengaluru: Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao has instructed the officials to undertake all necessary preparations for the state-level Republic Day celebrations. Addressing a meeting held here on Friday to review the preliminary arrangements for the 2026 Republic Day celebrations at the Field Marshal Manekshaw Parade Ground, he issued several directions. He instructed that cleanliness work must be taken up at the venue. As there are approximately 100 loads of debris at the ground, the same must be cleared. Water should be sprinkled to suppress dust and rolling should be carried out. He also directed officials to arrange temporary toilets for the convenience of the public. "On the day of the event, proper seating arrangements must be made for chief guests, dignitaries, officials, and the general public. In view of the heat, adequate pandal (shamiana) arrangements should be provided. Clear arrangements must be made regarding entry through designated gates and vehicle parking, ensuring that no lapses occur," he said and added that essential facilities such as drinking water, fire safety arrangements, police security, and CCTV surveillance be provided adequately. **ENS**

From top: Folk dancers perform during the inauguration of Bengaluru Hubba at Vidhana Soudha on Friday. CM Siddaramaiah inaugurates the event | KEVIN NASHON

CM OPENS BENGALURU HUBBA, CALLS FOR UNITY & KANNADA IDENTITY

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday inaugurated Bengaluru Hubba-2026 and flagged off a folk art procession at the grand steps of Vidhana Soudha, calling citizens to uphold unity in diversity and strengthen Kannada identity in the city.

The festival is being organised by the Department of Kannada and Culture, the industry sector, and various private organisations. With more than 350 programmes, held across over 30 locations in Bengaluru, residents are offered a platform to engage with literature, art, and culture.

Addressing the gathering, the CM said Bengaluru is home to people from different languages, religions, and regions, and stressed the need to see unity amid diversity. He said the festival aims to take Karnataka's cultural traditions to the youth and to those who have migrated from other states and made Bengaluru their home.

Referring to social reformers such as Basavanna, Kanakadasa, and Narayana Guru, Siddaramaiah said they consistently emphasised human equality and opposed caste, superstition, and social divisions. What matters, he said, is what individuals contribute to society during their lifetime.

Emphasising the role of language in preserving cultural identity, the CM said fostering a Kannada-friendly environment is the collective responsibility of Kannadigas. He added that people who choose to settle in the State should learn Kannada and integrate into its culture.

Residents meet BDA chief over Varthur-Bellandur lakes

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE residents of Varthur and Bellandur held a detailed meeting with the Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) Commissioner, engineer member and other senior officials, and appealed for a review of the rejuvenation status of Varthur and Bellandur lakes, and address the recurring flooding in East Bengaluru.

Jagadish Reddy from Varthur Nagarikara Hitharakshana Vedike said completion of work on the two lakes has missed multiple deadlines, hence they told BDA officials to hold a meeting with other stakeholders. "There are 11 parastatal agencies and there is no coordination between them which has led to the delay, hence we met BDA Commissioner P Manivannan and appealed to him to call a meeting and ensure completion of the rejuvenation project in 2026," said Reddy.

Reddy said the Vedike also brought up the issue of unscientific inlet design allowing sewage-laden storm water, garbage and silt to enter Varthur Lake directly, negating earlier rejuvenation efforts. That apart, growth of water hyacinth, other floating invasive plants, indicating high sewage and nutrient load, incomplete STPs and UGD networks resulting in continuous inflow of untreated sewage into the lake system, reduced rajakaluve widths and encroachments, identified as a primary cause of recurrent flooding, poor SWD connectivity and inadequate maintenance, including siltation and vegetation choking drains, illegal garbage segregation units operating near drains and lakes, and worsening pollution were brought to their notice.

"The vedike demanded a comprehensive white paper involving all stakeholders, disclosure of NGT directions, missed deadlines and revised timelines, scientific redesign of lake inlets with proper pre-treatment systems, time-bound utilisation and public disclosure of the Rs 576 crore earmarked in BBMP's escrow account as per NGT orders, and a transparent monitoring framework with periodic water quality reporting," he said.

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> — Jagadish Reddy, Varthur Nagarikara Hitharakshana Vedike

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

17th January : On the Day Before a Capricorn New Moon At first everything takes forever, every decision is effortful, and constant second-guessing is the norm. But soon enough, choices become automatic, problems look familiar instead of overwhelming, and it's possible to make quick work of tasks. It's not because of some magical process; it's just practice. With enough repetitions, improvement is inevitable.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Your need for validation comes under scrutiny. It is a human social instinct that falls under the category "unavoidable." It will benefit you to get curious. So, whose approval do you seek and why?

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
The most intoxicating relationships are the ones that contain an element of uncertainty. If you always know what you're going to get, what you really get is bored. Surprises can be an act of love. Unpredictability will work in your favor.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
Brevity will be lucky. Put time constraints on the meeting. Put a word limit on the email. Short messages will get right to the point. The more direct you can be, the better the results. You simply won't leave any room for confusion.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
There are many different interpretations of loyalty. For some it's a "ride or die" quality, and for others it's more like, "I'll choose you if that's what makes sense to me in the moment." It's just something to be aware of today.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
The lucky move: get dressed up, all confidence and openness, and meet fresh faces in unfamiliar territory. People will be drawn to you. Savor the attention. You only get to be the new person once!

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
Let "no answer" be the answer today. Thinking of today's problem as unanswerable will cause worry, expectation or desperation surrounding an issue to drop away. All that is left is a whole entire world of other things to think about.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
However much help you thought you would need at this point, today proves your estimation was a bit off. Your new assessment will be realistic. You'll put the word out and find just the assistance you need for moving forward.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
Someone is attracted to the way you kick back and have fun, but you won't find out who it is until you actually kick back and have fun. Does the mystery inspire you to let up on the work? You deserve a break.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
Adventure calls, but today the thrill comes in small doses. A spontaneous detour, curious question or mini exploration will give you more than a grand plan ever could.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
You're no stranger to how consistent moves can add up to a rather big deal. You just didn't expect it to happen so quickly! Still, you won't be swept up. Continue to trust steady effort over spectacle.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
Ideas are flowing, but only some are worth following today. Trust your instincts and discard the ones that feel heavy or forced. Sharing a fresh thought with the right person could spark a chain reaction. Don't hold back, but be selective with your energy.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
To speak on matters you know very little about is colloquially referred to as "talking out of school," but what do you call it when the "school" itself is woefully misinformed? It's a day to examine even reputable sources, with an ear for bias.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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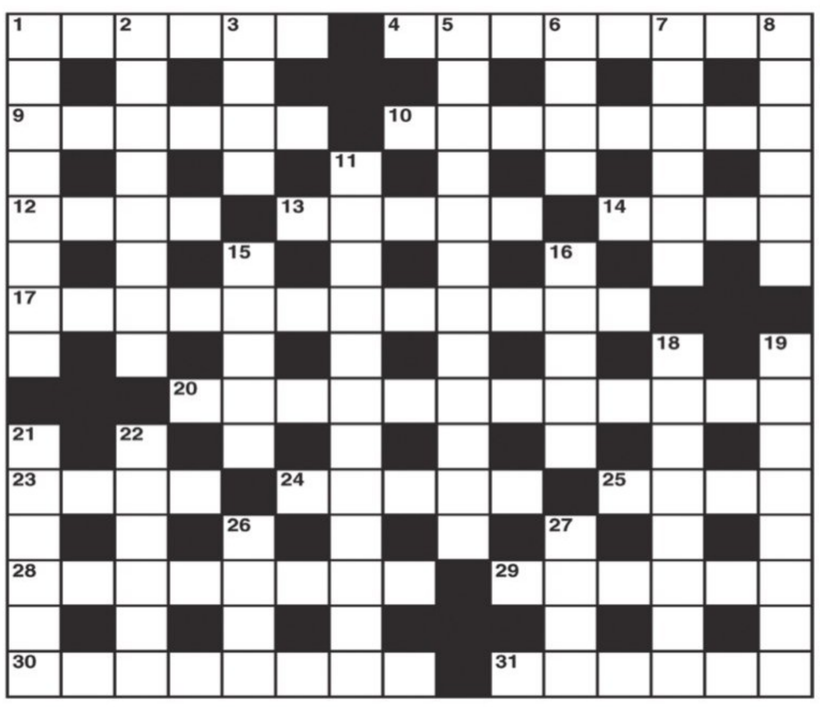

CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Give account about being dead (6)
4 Reckon teatime's been changed (8)
9 Toss a coin with me for profit (6)
10 Bar a note in an introductory piece (8)
12 Obstinate but said to be practical person (4)
13 Matter for thought (5)
14 In ancient myth she became a goddess (4)
17 Lead kept by a crafty bounder? (3,4,5)
20 Was this early movie a nicely modest production? (6,6)
23 Short piece of late news (4)
24 Work of monumental stupidity (5)
25 Sort of brake on the turntable? (4)
28 Be snooty in speech and overbearing in argument (4,4)
29 Four disappear from the merrymaking being lustful (6)
30 Captivated by the Venus de Milo? (8)
31 Language for man to concoct (6)

DOWN

1 A spot of wet weather (8)
2 Instructs or admonishes (8)
3 Book reveals author's self-dedication (4)
5 Direct speech? (8,4)
6 American business contract with a Peruvian (4)
7 A charming thing to wear (6)
8 One from a dozen players (6)
11 He isn't a good forecaster (7,2,3)
15 Hi-fi is in Latin I hear (5)
16 Restriction on a nobleman (5)
18 First class student? (8)
19 Unauthorised demand for suspension (5,3)
21 Fastened securely but escaped (6)
22 Seal is broken revealing passages (6)
26 Nothing to the German although it's his frontier (4)
27 Successful conclusion to a board meeting (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Craft, 4 Dilemma, 8 Rib, 9 Task force, 10 Illness, 11 Omits, 13 Ranged, 15 Stalks, 18 Bleat, 19 Call for, 21 Soon after, 23 Nip, 24 Thistle, 25 Clyde.

Down: 1 Carrier, 2 Ambulance, 3 Tithe, 4 Desist, 5 Left out, 6 Mar, 7 Areas, 12 Idle fancy, 14 Extract, 16 Scruple, 17 Scythe, 18 Beset, 20 Lyric, 22 Obi.

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UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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Today's Guest JUMBLER is
GARY HALLGREN
artist for HAGAR THE HORRIBLE
I'D LIKE TO ORDER SOME FISH...
TONIGHT WE HAVE SALMON, TROUT AND PIKE!
I'D LIKE A REAL RUSSIAN DISH!
11-22
HAGAR PLAYED A JOKE AT THE RUSSIAN RESTAURANT WHEN HE ORDERED - - -

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: PIANO SKIER BANNER NEGATE
Answer: On the new clerk's first day at the lingerie shop, the manager had her use a — TRAINING BRA

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From Kamakhya Railway Station

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of Dhupguri – Falakata Section of NH-27

New Rail Line

between Balurghat & Hili

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at Siliguri

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By

Narendra Modi

Prime Minister

17th January 2026 | Malda Town Station | 11:00 AM

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Governor, West Bengal

Lakshman Prasad Acharya
Governor, Assam

Mamata Banerjee
Chief Minister, West Bengal

Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma
Chief Minister, Assam

Nitin Jairam Gadkari
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Union Minister of Railways, Information & Broadcasting and Electronics & information Technology

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Agriculture Minister N Chaluvarayaswamy said the Congress will continue its fight across the state against what he called the unilateral decision of the Union Government in scrapping MGNREGA and introducing VB-G RAM G Act

DKS attends Assam Assembly poll meeting, George calls on Rahul

Leadership issue is not something to be discussed in public: Deputy Chief Minister

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

ON a day Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar met Congress high command leaders in New Delhi on Friday on the sidelines of a preparatory meeting for the upcoming Assembly polls, Energy Minister KJ George called on Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, creating ripples in political circles.

Speculation is rife as to whether CM Siddaramaiah sent George as his emissary to push the demand for a cabinet reshuffle ahead of the state budget, as the Shivakumar camp is insisting on a change in leadership. Siddaramaiah in Tumakuru was unaware of Shivakumar's Delhi visit, saying, "I don't know about it."

Shivakumar is the Congress' observer for the ensuing Assam Assembly polls.

After having lunch at the former Cooperation Minister KN Rajanna's house and before inaugurating the state-level Karnataka Games, the CM said that he would talk to the high command about reinstating the former minister in the Karnataka cabinet.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar (extreme right) holds a preparatory meeting for the Assam Assembly elections, in New Delhi on Friday | EXPRESS

Meanwhile, George held talks with Rahul at Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) chief Sonia Gandhi's 10 Janpath residence for about 40 minutes at around 4pm on Friday.

According to informed sources, George apprised Rahul of the state's political environment and the need for a cabinet reshuffle. "George is the Congress observer for Kerala Assembly polls... talks might have also happened on those lines," sources added.

But the meeting took place much before Shivakumar's plan to meet Rahul one-on-one to discuss the leadership change issue. Shivakumar will remain in Delhi and continue meeting high command leaders on Saturday also.

It is to be seen whether Shivakumar meets Sonia Gandhi and AICC general secretary and Wayanad MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra or not.

DKS: Leadership discussion between CM, brass, myself

Before taking part in the preparatory meeting for the Assam polls at the residence of AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge's residence, Deputy CM DK Shivakumar hinted that he would talk about the issue of change in leadership with the Congress high command. "The issue is between the CM, high command and myself. The issue is not something that can be discussed in public. I have come to Delhi with an intention of meeting party leaders... let us see," Shivakumar told reporters in New Delhi.

"How can I reveal the plans of our party? This would be discussed at the party level and not publicly. If any information needs to be shared with the public, the party's general secretary would do it," he said on the party's Assam poll strategy. Shivakumar, however, said he will be meeting legal counsels and union ministers to discuss certain legal aspects of irrigation projects concerning Karnataka.

MAHA LOCAL BODY POLLS

ANOTHER TROUBLING CHAPTER IN LARGER STORY OF VOTE CHORI: SIDDU ON INK ROW

BJP leaders and supporters celebrate the party's win in the Maharashtra local body elections, in Bengaluru on Friday | EXPRESS

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has fired a salvo at the Election Commission of India, slamming the so-called "indelible" ink used in the high-stakes Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) elections calling it a sham that wipes off with sanitisers, acetone, or nail polish remover.

Taking to social media platform 'X', the CM said, "Democracy survives only when every vote is sacred and its safeguards are real. Today, media reports and viral social media videos from the BMC polls show so-called 'indelible' ink being wiped off easily... raising grave concerns about electoral credibility... This is not an isolated glitch – it's another troubling chapter in the larger story of Vote Chori... The EC must act with transparency, accountability and corrective measures now. #BMCElections #VoteChori."

Congress MLC BK Hariprasad said that the EC has become a part of the BJP and are killing democracy.

RDPR and IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge said, "Dont look at the ink issue in isolation. Look at all the ways the BJP is seeking to rule in perpetuity for the next 50 or 100 years. Ink is only the last resort of their desperation."

Congress leaders responded with outrage echoing LoP in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi's statement. "EC gaslighting citizens is how trust has collapsed in our democracy. Vote Chori is an anti-national act," a Congress leader said.

Same results will repeat in Bengaluru, says HDK

On the Maharashtra local body elections, Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy said the NDA has performed well and expressed confidence that the same results would be repeated in Bengaluru as well. He called upon BJP and JDS workers and leaders to work together to achieve this outcome.

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> Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister

Win a positive mandate for development politics: BJP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

AFTER the BJP's victory in the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) elections, Leader of Opposition in the Karnataka Assembly R Ashoka said that people in Bengaluru will also support the party in the elections to the five corporations under the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), and that would be the beginning of the end for the Congress.

Ashoka said the BJP's victory in the local body polls in Maharashtra has yet again shown that people have supported the BJP's politics of development.

State BJP president BY Vijayendra said it is a positive mandate for the politics of development, economic growth, and cultural renaissance by the double-engine governments of PM Narendra Modi and Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis. He said the common man of Maharashtra has said an "Emphatic No" to the politics of negativism, pseudo-secularism, and politics of abuse and divisiveness being practised by the I.N.D.I. Alliance.

Former chief minister and BJP MP Basavaraj Bommai said that in the polls to the five municipal corporations under GBA limits, the BJP-JDS alliance is certain to emerge victorious. This BJP victory marks the beginning of the end for the Congress, Bommai said.

MY TAKE

Ride the empathy wave to deliver services to citizens

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Human emotions get whipped up on witnessing acts against humanity, even if the acts carried out by the government are in line with the law of the land. Unfortunately, no such thing happens over civic services and amenities falling short, posing problems for the citizens, except one fundamental emotion that is generated – anger. But that isn't enough, as is evident in most of our urban settings.

Over the last month, Bengaluru witnessed two events that left hundreds of families affected – eviction of about 160 families in Kogilu in north Bengaluru on December 20 by Greater Bengaluru Authority and the Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited, and demolition of 60 houses built over 22 allegedly illegal constructions at Thanisandra (also in north Bengaluru) by Bangalore Development Authority, on January 8. They are government agencies who did their duty to reclaim their lands.

Although their actions are said to be legal, they evoked emotions among people who were quick to question the seemingly inhuman operations. That was empathy in action among the people.

Emotions are generated through empathy, which is a complex mix of understanding and feelings – cognitive and affective processes. The *Greater Good Magazine: Science-based Insights for a Meaningful Life* explains that "empathy" describes a range of experiences. It is the ability to sense others' emotions, coupled with the ability to imagine what someone else might be thinking or feeling as a reaction to a particular situation.

While it was empathy that evoked emotions among people towards those affected by eviction and demolition, that very empathy has been largely absent in the political-bureaucratic set-up to understand the needs of citizens and deliver quality civic amenities for their convenience – even amenities like proper footpaths and roads in our cities, much needed for easy mobility.

For the government officials, alacrity seems to be limited to clearing their own lands through evictions and demolitions, not when it comes to delivering high quality civic amenities for the citizens. Lack of alacrity is generally the case where empathy is in short supply.

Evictions and demolitions present families out in the cold; little children crying; old men and women looking lost; young, helpless mothers holding their babies close to their bosoms; whole families huddled and staring into a bleak future. Social media goes into overdrive, making good pictures, copies and videos. People are touched, overwhelmed. Emotions spill over. Politics feasts on people's emotions. The issues get blown out of proportion as politics activates itself over the issue. The ruling and the opposition bay for each other's blood over the "inhuman act" smacking of "authoritarianism", each promising or questioning alternative housing, depending on whether those evicted or deprived of shelter are "outsiders" or citizens. It's the stuff for debates and arguments peppered with views and opinions to justify their respective ideologies – all with an eye on winning people's hearts for the next polls. Basically, that's how politics and politicians work.

Citizens' protests demanding better civic amenities mostly fall on deaf ears. There are no empathetic receiver antennas. Citizens' anger alone is not enough to budge the political-bureaucratic establishment. What is needed is empathy from that very establishment, and not with an eye on votes, but on meeting the civic requirements of the citizens for the convenience of all. Simple fact: Services delivered to the citizens based on empathy yield better poll results than delivering them with one eye on political mileage. That is called eyewash – like the pothole filling exercise across Bengaluru, wherein by definition their numbers may have declined, but in their place we are left with rough roads that leave motorists wondering when their wheels turned square.

Civic amenities include the entire gamut of goods and services that are fundamental and crucial to a better quality of life for the citizens. But a 360-degree look at Namma Bengaluru, for instance, would reveal how little is empathetically delivered with a duty-bound working conscience by the civic agencies.

The Karnataka High Court has directed that civic polls under Greater Bengaluru Authority be conducted in all its five corporations by June. The would-be corporators (seeing them after a gap of about half-a-decade) may do well to remember that delivering and maintaining high quality civic services and amenities is a significant part of good governance. It involves public institutions conducting themselves effectively, ethically and inclusively. It enables meeting societal needs while upholding human rights and the rule of law with transparency, accountability, participation and responsiveness to build trust and foster sustainable development. It must involve citizens in decision-making, reduce corruption and empower all members, especially the vulnerable.

And that needs empathy from the politicians and a clinical and empathetic approach in delivering the services by the bureaucracy. Nothing less.

EXPRESS READ

HDK SLAMS PRIYANK, TELLS HIM TO LOOK AT CONGRESS' FATE

BENGALURU: Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy on Friday hit out at Karnataka RDPR and IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge for his remarks on the existence of the JDS. "Leave our party aside. First, look at what level the so-called national party Congress has come down to in Bihar and Maharashtra. Who is Priyank to discuss JDS? We do not need his certificate," he said. "You are losing sleep because of the JDS-BJP alliance. In the last Lok Sabha elections, because of our alliance, you won 9 seats; some of the seats we lost were because of our mistakes. Otherwise, despite being in power in the state, your national party would have come down to 3 or 4 seats. Is JDS losing its existence, or is Congress getting destroyed?" he said. ENS

Veteran Cong leader Bhimanna Khandre passes away at 103

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

VETERAN Congress leader and former president of the Veerashaiva Lingayat Mahasabha **Bhimanna Khandre** (103) passed away on Friday night at Bhalki in Bidar.

He is survived by two sons — Forest, Ecology and Environment Minister Eshwar B Khandre and Bidar DCC Bank president Amar Kumar Khandre — and four daughters. His other son, former MLA Vijayakumar Khandre, passed away in 2019. Eshwar Khandre's son Sagar is a sitting MP. The last rites of Bhimanna Khandre will be held at 5 pm on Saturday at Shanti Dham at Bhalki.

One of the prominent Lingayat leaders, he was suffering from age-related ailments and respiratory problems over the last few days. He had been admitted to a private hospital, but was shifted to his residence in Bhalki as per his wish recently. Over the past week, pontiffs of various mutts, ministers, MLAs, eminent personalities and leaders of different parties and others visited his residence.

A lawyer, he entered public life in 1953 after becoming the first elected president of Bhalki Municipality. He entered the Assembly for the first time in 1962 and served four terms as an MLA and two terms as an MLC. He was as transport minister in the Veerappa Moily cabinet.

In 1976, condemning forced sterilisation of youth by certain officials under the population control programme, he personally persuaded over 2,500 individuals to voluntarily undergo sterilisation on a single day. This created a record, which was reported by the BBC at the time, stated a release from Eshwar Khandre's office.

As a cooperative leader, Khandre served as the founding president of the Bidar Cooperative Sugar Factory and the Mahatma Gandhi Sugar Factory. He played a key role in implementing the Naranja and Karanja irrigation projects.

A freedom fighter and a participant in the Hyderabad Liberation Movement, he had opposed the atrocities of Razakars and worked to ensure that Bidar district remained part of Karnataka. He was honoured with the Suvarna Karnataka Ekikarana (Golden Integration of Karnataka) state award.

He set up Akkamahadevi College in Bidar and an engineering college in Bhalki. As president of the Veerashaiva Lingayat Mahasabha, he increased the membership from a few thousand to over a lakh.

He often said the secret of his longevity lay in learning yoga from Sadguru Sri Nagabhushana Shivayogi of Muchalamba during his childhood, when he suffered from severe illness.

Siddaramaiah hints next budget will be a tight one

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Tumakuru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday gave an indication that his budget for 2026-27 would be tight, as he promised Rs 6crore to develop sports facilities in Tumakuru, against Rs 25crore demanded by Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara.

Inaugurating the seven-day state-level Karnataka Games 2025-26 at Mahatma Gandhi Stadium, Parameshwara, who is also district minister, appealed to the CM to grant Rs 25crore to set up a hockey stadium and an international standard swimming pool in Tumakuru. "That much cannot be given, but I will sanction Rs 6crore to Tumakuru, the same amount granted to Mangaluru," he assured Parameshwara.

He highlighted that the Congress government has provided 3 per cent quota in recruitment — from constable to DySP post — in the Home department, and 2 per cent in other departments for sportspersons. Cash rewards of Rs 6crore, Rs 4crore and Rs 3crore will be given to those who win gold, silver and bronze medals in the Olympics, he added.

He claimed that he was himself a small-time kabaddi player during his high school days and had participated in inter-school tournaments. "I have developed a liking for cricket and never miss one-dayers and T20 matches. I also watch World Cup football matches which happen at night as it does not affect my work," he said. "A real sportsperson is one who is happy even in defeat, and takes it in a sportive spirit. I congratulate those who win and also those who lose. But one must have an attitude to win."

CM Siddaramaiah inaugurates the Karnataka Sports Festival 2025-26 at the Mahatma Gandhi District Stadium in Tumkuru on Friday | EXPRESS

Parameshwara said the event was dedicated to the 'Say no to Drugs' campaign of the state to create awareness among youths. He hoped that Tumakuru turns into a sports hub, as construction of an international cricket ground by KSCA will start in a couple of months, and the project would be completed in a year. The state government has provided 42 acres of land for the ground. An international tennis court would also be set up, he added. He likened Mahatma Gandhi Stadium, which cost Rs 60 crore under Smart City Project and state government funds, to Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru.

Karnataka Olympics Association president and MLC K Govindaraj sought the CM's approval to propose to the Centre to conduct Khelo India sports meet in Tumakuru. He also suggested setting up a sports academy to nurture rural talents from across the district. With about 4,500 sportspersons taking part in 24 different sports, he wished that at least 500 take up sports as their career.

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>
> Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister

A tanker carrying palm oil overturned after the driver lost control near the Devalapura Valley, in Kampli taluk of Ballari district, on Wednesday. Following the accident, a large number of local residents including men, women, and children rushed to the spot carrying buckets, plastic cans, and other containers to collect the palm oil that had flowed on to the road

PSIs illegally raid brothels, free accused: Court

Victims sent home or to shelter homes without judicial verification, enquiry

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

POLICE sub-inspectors (PSIs) are acting like judicial magistrates by releasing those taken into custody during raids on brothels in the city without producing them before magistrates.

Also, PSIs are conducting raids and investigating cases related to brothels, though they are not authorised to do so under the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act (ITP Act). Only a police officer not below the rank of inspector is authorised to raid or conduct investigation as per Section 13 of the ITP Act and file the chargesheet. With PSIs acting contrary to the law, the courts are forced to release the accused who push victims into brothels.

TRAINING NEEDED FOR PSIs

The court directed the registry to send copies of judgments to the police commissioner, jurisdictional DCPs and ACPs to give necessary instructions or to train PSIs on ITP Act, a Special Act, and also to take necessary action and submit a compliance report.

The XLV Additional City Civil and Sessions Court on January 14 acquitted five accused in a case registered under the ITP Act and Section 370 of IPC by the City Market Police on November 7, 2022, after raiding a lodge where a prostitution racket was being run by trafficking two girls and by restraining them wrongfully. A PSI conducted the raid, investigated and sent the victims back along with their relatives a day after the raid without producing them before the magistrate.

In a similar case, the court acquitted two other accused on December 22, 2025 in a crime registered by the Yeshwanthpura police, who had raided a brothel. The PSI rescued two women from West Bengal and sent them to Ujwala Kendra Mahila Nilaya a day after the raid, without producing them before the Magistrate.

"It is a surprise to note how the PSI can use the powers of the Magistrate in handing over the victims without verification or enquiry, and not subjecting the victim to a medical examination. The PSI or any police officer has no power to release the victims except producing them before the Magistrate concerned," said Judge E Rajeeva Gowda, noting that these are the grounds, among others, to acquit the accused in cases under ITP Act.

The judge said PSI's act is completely contrary to the provisions of the ITP Act. Also, PSIs did not follow the guidelines issued by the National Legal Services Authority related to victims. This shows how police officers carry out investigation, though not recognised under the ITP Act. The entire investigation carried out by this PSI vitiates the chargesheet. It is clear that the prosecution has completely failed to prove the guilt of the accused beyond a reasonable doubt, the court added.

SACRED KNOT

As many as 134 couples entered a wedlock in a grand mass marriage ceremony organised as part of the Suttur Jathra Mahotsav at Suttur Sri Kshetra on Friday, reflecting inclusivity and cultural diversity | EXPRESS

Kerehalli threatening migrants, seeking ID card: Petition to top cop

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@ Bengaluru

MEMBERS of the Campaign Against Hate Speech submitted a petition to the DG&IGP's office, seeking action against right-wing activist Puneeth Kerehalli for intimidating and questioning migrant workers, besides unlawful entry and police complicity — with request for FIR, arrest, investigation and presentation for bail cancellation. The petition was submitted on Friday.

Puneeth has been repeatedly entering migrant worker dwellings and sheds, interrogating them about their nationality, demanding identity documents and issuing threats. These actions are illegal, undermine the dignity and safety of workers, and risk provoking mob violence. In videos uploaded on his official YouTube channel and social media, Puneeth is seen holding a protest and shouting slogans at night, calling residents "illegal migrants" and "Bangladeshis", shooting videos without their consent, and intimidating them along with a group of men. Puneeth is communalising the situation and instilling hatred by branding them "illegal migrants". He is intimidating police and insisting they conduct an inquiry in his presence, and not in the police station. He demands and collects Aadhaar cards of residents without authorisation, the petition said. In the video, his associates are seen threatening the FRRO to send migrants out, or they would also be sent outside the country. The complaint points out that such videos are promoting religion-based hatred and creating social tension, and his conduct poses a grave threat to the dignity, privacy and lives of the workers. Referring to recent incidents of assault and lynching across the country based on suspicion of people being Bangladeshis, the petition warns that similar incidents could unfold in Karnataka as well.

The members also demanded that an FIR be registered, and called for a departmental inquiry into the role of police personnel who were present during such incidents. They urged the police chief to issue statewide directions to prevent individuals from conducting any form of citizenship verification.

EXPRESS READ

Woman kills daughter, ends life by suicide over family dispute

Bengaluru: A 29-year-old woman has died by suicide after killing her four-year-old daughter, around 8.30 pm on Thursday in Krishnappa Layout. Reports said that she pored petrol on her daughter and herself, and set themselves ablaze. The incident happened in Sanjaynagar police station limits, after a phone call with her husband who refused to return from Nepal. The family had moved to the city just eight months ago from Nepal. The deceased are identified as Greetha alias Monisha and her daughter Srishti. Greetha reportedly died on the spot while her daughter succumbed to burns at a hospital on Friday morning. Her husband identified as Govind Bahadur had gone to Nepal around six months back. Govind had not returned from Nepal and they had arguments during the phone calls. "On Thursday night she had a fight and in a fit of rage, she took the extreme step. Greetha was finding it difficult to look after their daughter as she was not working and was dependent on her husband. Since her husband did not return even after repeated requests, she had started working as a domestic maid. The incident was not noticed until late night, when a passerby saw smoke from the house and informed the police", said an officer.

Minor girl disguises as boy to commit house theft

Bengaluru: A minor girl who committed thefts at locked houses by dressing as a boy, has been arrested by the Sampigehalli police along with her two accomplices. 30gms of gold ornaments, 60gms of silver ornaments and Rs 15000 in cash stolen by the trio has been recovered within 24-hours-of the crime. The movement of the three accused, while going on a same scooter, recorded in a CCTV in the vicinity helped the police solve the case. Among the three accused, two are minors and other a 45-year-old woman. After arresting the trio, the police thought that both the minors were boys. Only after taking them to the station, the police discovered that one of the minors was a girl, who had dressed as a boy to mislead the police. "The two minors aged around 16, both residents of Tannery Road, are habitual offenders. They have committed thefts in Hebbal, Adugodi, Bommanahalli, Nelamangala, Jalahalli, Kothanur and RMC Yard police station limits," an officer said. The accused had also used a fake number plate for the scooter. The trio had committed theft at the house of 42-year-old M Sanagameshwar in Agrahara Layout in Yelahanka on Tuesday. The three were hiding in a house in Amarjyothi Layout from where they were arrested.

'Late salaries due to technical issues, delayed central funds'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

FOLLOWING a report of delayed payment of salaries to 30,000 contractual employees working under the National Health Mission (NHM) published in *TNIE* on January 14 , the director of the NHM in Karnataka on Friday stated that delay was due to the technical issues in SNA-SPARSH framework and delay in the disbursement of funds from the central government.

The statement also added that the state government is working to ensure that the salaries are released at the earliest and on priority, irrespective of the grants released by the central government. "The NHM scheme was on boarded to the SNA–SPARSH system during the middle of the financial year, in accordance with the guidelines of the Government of India. The transition from the SNA system to the SNA-SPARSH framework involved procedural and technical realignments in the fund flow and payment mechanisms at both the Central and State levels. During this period, certain transitional delays occurred in the release and flow of funds", the note read. It further read, "Under the SNA-SPARSH system, the payment architecture is designed in such a way that the State Government is able to process and release payments only upon receipt that the Central share. Delays in the receipt of Central funds, with the transitional adjustments under the new system, impacted the timely disbursement of salaries to NHM employees."

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU
G & W.C. No. 5/2026

BETWEEN: Sri. RakshithKumar. R, S/o. Late Ramesh. E, aged about 36 years, R/o No. 403, Golden Mark, 4th Floor, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, M.P.M Layout Park, Kengunte Mallathalli, Bengaluru North Bengaluru-560056. Mobile 9620776060 ...**Petitioner**

AND: Smt. Manjula V.K, W/o. Rakshith Kumar. R, D/o. Krishnappa. V.K, aged about 36 years, R/o. A-002, Metrotech Forest View Apartment, 67/3, Ground Floor, Kendriya Nagar, Lingadeeranahalli, B.S.K 6th Stage, Thalaghattapura, Bengaluru- 560 109 Mobile 9538221119 ...**RESPONDENT**

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

Smt. Manjula V.K, W/o. Rakshith Kumar. R, D/o. Krishnappa. V.K, aged about 36 years, R/o. A-002, Metrotech Forest View Apartment, 67/3, Ground Floor, Kendriya Nagar, Lingadeeranahalli, B.S.K 6th Stage, Thalaghattapura, Bengaluru- 560 109. Mobile 9538221119.

Whereas, the Petitioner has filed the above G & W C against you, that this Hon'ble Court be pleased to pass Judgement and Decree, and the respondent may kindly directed to handover the custody of minor child namely **Srinika. R** aged about 3 Years 7 Months to the Petitioner, father, permanently, decree to this effect may kindly be passed in favour of the petitioner and against the respondent, failing to do so, to get the custody of the said child through the process of this Hon'ble Court and other consequential relief/s., you are above named, hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble court either in person or through pleader on the day of **18/02/2026** at **11:00 AM** to defend the above case, failing which the matter will be heard exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, on this 14/01/2026.

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Senior Civil Judge Court, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru

Advocate for Petitioner: **Mahendra Kumar. K**
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public that my client **Mr G. Ravi Kumar and Smt G. Vani,** residing at Hanuman Temple Santapeta, Sangeevaramani Street, Door No 10/589, Nellore P.O Nellore District, Sri Poti Sriramulu Nellore AP- 524001. Are intending to purchase the Schedule Property from Mr. Alok Kumar Sahoo aged 55 years, S/o Gopal Chandra Sahoo, residing at No 108, Vanshee Eldorado Apartment, Marathahalli outer ring road, Innovative Multiplex Theater, Bangalore-560037. Who is the owner of the property which is more fully described in schedule hereunder. Apart from the said owner if any person/s has/have any kind of right, title, interest and claim or whatsoever in respect of the schedule property, they are hereby called upon to file the objections along with documentary proof ***within 15 days*** from the date of this publication to the below referred address. If no objections are received within the stipulated time, it will be presumed that the above referred is the absolute owner of the schedule property and there are no other claimants.

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P.V. Vinod Kumar, Advocate
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Leopard sighted near Sattur Flyover in Dharwad on Friday night

Leopard spotted next to BRTS corridor, rescue under way

Dharwad: A leopard was sighted along the BRTS corridor between Sattur and Navalur in Dharwad on Friday night, sending onlookers into panic. Forest officials have reached the area, and a search is on for the big cat. Residents of Navalur, Sattur, Tadasinkoppa and others are fearful of a leopard attack. Despite fear over the sudden appearance of the big cat near human habitation, hundreds of people gathered at the spot out of curiosity. Rescue teams are in place and efforts are on to net the leopard. Department officials are planning to tranquillize the animal before it strays into houses around.

TIGER ESTIMATION TO FIND FOREST PATCHES TO SHIFT RESCUED CATS

Leopards bigger concern, 4-5 living in location close to settlements

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE ongoing tiger estimation exercise by the state forest department is not just to ascertain the number of tigers in the state, but is also to find fresh forest patches to house rescued and relocated tigers and leopards.

"We need to find these spaces immediately to house rescued animals. We are carrying out a detailed analysis to understand the carrying capacity of each region and whether they can accommodate more carnivores, so that rescued animals can be relocated. Shrinking and populated forest areas are becoming a problem," said a senior forest department official, not wanting to be named.

Against the ideal space of 10 sqkm required for a tiger to live and hunt comfortably, Karnataka's forests, particularly Bandipur and Nagarahole Tiger Reserves, have four tigers for a 5 sqkm area.

"Recent thermal drone images showed 4-5 tigers in a 5 sqkm area. The numbers vary in buffer zones and on forest boundaries. In the case of leopards, the data is all the more worrisome as they are found in close proximity to humans in peri-urban areas. In some regions, we found 4-5 leopards in the same location," the officer said.

"We cannot move rescued tigers to Bandipur or Nagarahole as these are the source of the problem. They house big cats beyond their carrying capacity. We cannot release them into MM Hills or Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuaries because of high levels of human intervention. We cannot release them into BRT Tiger Reserves as conflicts have started rising there too. We also cannot send them to Kali Tiger Reserve, as we are not sure of the prey base. Also, it is not a contiguous forest patch," the officer explained, revealing the department's helplessness.

With leopards, the situation is even worse. "We push leopards inside the forests each time we get a complaint. We get 8-10 complaints a week of leopard sightings. It is only when pressure mounts, do we keep cages to capture leopards. Relocating leopards is a bigger concern than tigers," the official said.

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife, Bishwajit Mishra said that a detailed analysis and scientific study are being taken up to understand the carrying capacity of each forest patch.

He said the dynamics have changed over time and a fresh scientific study is needed.

ALL INDIA TIGER CENSUS REPORT 2022	
Bandipur	191
Bhadra	44
BRT	60
Kali	29
Nagarahole	185

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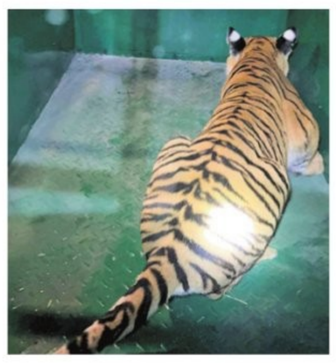
Bandipur	154
Bhadra	29
BRT	39
Kali	22
Nagarahole	149



Cub of trapped tigress captured in Chamarajanagar

Mysuru: After trapping a tigress earlier, forest officials have captured one of its 10-month-old cubs near Nanjedevanapura village in Harave hobli of Chamarajanagar taluk. The tigress and her four cubs were sighted in and around Nanjedevanapura village, located on the fringes of the Biligiri Ranganatha Tiger Reserve (BRT), Chamarajanagar district, in recent weeks, causing concern among locals. Considering the potential threat to human safety and to prevent human-wildlife conflict, the principal chief conservator of forests (wildlife) and chief wildlife warden, Bengaluru, had granted permission to capture the animals. Earlier, forest officials had successfully trapped the mother tigress. With the capture of the 10-month-old cub, efforts are on to track and capture the remaining cubs. Forest officials said the operation was carried out under standard wildlife capture protocols, involving trained personnel and veterinarians to ensure the safety of the animal. The captured cub has been shifted to a secure location for further observation and care.

THEFT OF ₹400-CR DEMONETISED NOTES

Belagavi police join Maha SIT probe

TUSHAR A MAJUKAR @ Belagavi

BELAGAVI police have formally joined the investigation launched by their counterparts in Maharashtra into the sensational theft of Rs 400 crore demonetised notes at Chorla Ghat a few days ago.

A letter from Maharashtra police seeking cooperation was received by Belagavi Superintendent of Police K Ramarajan on Friday.

Two trucks carrying containers with demonetised notes were proceeding from near Karnataka-Goa border to Maharashtra when the theft took place at Chorla Ghat. Though the crime took place in Karnataka, the theft case was registered at Ghoti police station in Nashik district of Maharashtra.

Nashik police have arrested four persons in the theft case. However, Thane-based builder Kishore Savla, the prime accused, is yet to be arrested. An FIR was registered based on a complaint by Sandeep Datta Patil, a resident of Nashik, who has submitted digital evidence in support of his claims.

In his complaint, Patil stated that he was abducted and assaulted by some men associated with a powerful builder after the theft came to light. He alleged that some Nashik police personnel, aides of a hawala operator, and other individuals were involved in his abduction. Patil alleged that some police officers tracked the movement of demonetised notes at the behest of the builder and a politician associated with him.

According to sources, the seized demonetised notes were linked to a political party in Maharashtra and were meant for local body elections in that state. Patil claimed that an ashram was entrusted with converting the demonetised notes into smaller legal denominations before routing them back to Maharashtra. As per the alleged arrangement, the ashram was expected to provide Rs 170 crore in legal tender on a 60:40 commission basis. The converted money was reportedly meant to be sent to the politician towards campaign expenses and post-poll political manoeuvring.

Considering the ramifications of the case, the Maharashtra government constituted a Special Investigation Team (SIT) a few days ago to probe it.

Belagavi Superintendent of Police K Ramarajan said that he had received the request from Maharashtra police to join the investigation.

A GIFT TO THE MONK

Pawan Miskin and his family from Varur in in the Dharwad district meet Tibetan spiritual leader and Nobel laureate Dalai Lama in Mundgod to gift him a painting and the book 'Kannadiga Kavyagalu' written by Pawan's father

Boulder falls on earthmover, kills driver; three booked

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kolar

THE driver of a heavy earthmover died on the spot after a boulder rolled down on him at Busanahalli hills in Sugutoor of Kolar district. The driver Shanmugham (36) was working at a mining site on Thursday evening, when the accident occurred. It is alleged that illegal mining was going on in the hills, and work was contracted by Manjunath and Chowdappa.

Shanmugham's wife Jeevitha, a resident of Ramakuppam of Andhra Pradesh, lodged a complaint with police stating that though Shanmugham died after being hit by a boulder, Manjunath, Chowdappa and Deputy Director of Mines Kodandaramaiah tried to pass it off as a road accident. She alleged that they dragged his body for half-a-kilometer and dumped it, and brought a truck to ram Shanmugham's two-wheeler to make it appear like an accident.

Jeevitha also alleged that the Deputy Director was collecting bribes from the mine owners to cover up the incident as they were involved in illegal mining. Vemgal police registered a case under various sections against Manjunath, Chowdappa and Kodandaramaiah including Section 105, 351(2)238 read with 3(5) of BNS. Kolar SP Kanika Sikriwal said an FIR has been filed and a detailed investigation will be taken up by a senior district police officer.

Sources told TNIE that scores of villagers who had gathered said the incident took place due to the negligence of the mine contractors and Mines department officials.

5 FROM K'TAKA TO REPRESENT INDIA IN WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

Five wheelchair tennis players from Karnataka are set to represent India in the 2026 BNP Paribas World Team Cup Asia Qualifier. The tournament will be held in Colombo from March 2 to March 6. The Indian men's team includes Basavaraj Kundargi and Shekar Veeraswamy from Karnataka. The women's team will be fully represented by Karnataka's Shilpa KP, Prathima Rao and Mubeena Kolkar. ENS

Applications open for Deepika scholarship

RASHMI PATIL @Bengaluru

THE Government of Karnataka and Azim Premji Foundation had launched the Deepika Scholarship in September 2025, has now received over one lakh applications from school and college girl students.

The scholarship is meant to support students of class 10 and 12, studying in government schools and colleges, to pursue higher education. Manjushree N, Commissioner for collegiate education said, "The department and APF have opened the second cycle of applications from January 1, 2026 that will be extended up to January 31. We have started receiving the applications for the second cycle also in large numbers. The second cycle opened to provide scholarships to the engineering and medical students."

While it aims to facilitate financial support to girl students, it can also help increase the Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) in higher education. As per the All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE), Karnataka's GER was 36.2% in 2021-22 which was low when compared to other states including Puducherry (61.5%), Delhi (49%), Himachal Pradesh (43.1%), Uttarakhand (41.8%), Kerala (41.3%) and Telangana (40%).

She added, "The scholarship is one of a kind and for the first time, it is being launched in the state. It is meant to support around 37,000 girl students. Our department has extended the date of application for the scholarship to January 31, 2026. The first cycle of application for the scholarship started in September 2025 and ended recently. In the first cycle itself, we have received over one lakh applications for the scholarship. The department officials and APF are scrutinising the applications that we received to shortlist them and provide them with the scholarship."

Manjushree said that the eligibility to this scholarship is limited to girl students from government schools, colleges and they must be pursuing degree for the first time. As per the details of the scholarship, selected students will receive Rs 30,000 per year for the entire duration of their course. Accordingly, a student in a 4 year degree programme will receive Rs 1,20,000 and a 2-year-diploma student will receive Rs 60,000.

Earlier, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Higher Education Minister Dr M C Sudhakar had announced that even if the number of students cross more than 40,000, the state would bear their education expenses.

Speaking to *The New Indian Express*, Dr Sudhakar, said, "The reason behind launching Deepika scholarship is to encourage girl students pursue under graduation and earn a job. There is one important condition that students have to take note of it. They cannot have backlogs in degree and diploma during any semester. In case of backlog, the scholarship will be stopped to such students."

KEA opens applications for UGCET

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Examinations Authority on Friday started accepting online applications for the Undergraduate Common Entrance Test (UGCET) from students aspiring to join professional courses, including engineering, veterinary sciences, BSc and nursing.

KEA Director H Prasanna said, "The online application for professional courses for 2026 has started and the last date is February 16. The online link has been put up on the KEA website. The authority will allocate seats only on the basis of CET/counselling for professional courses and NEET for medical courses."

The current year's application is Aadhaar-based and details such as name etc. will automatically appear when the candidate enters the Aadhaar number. In addition, a special system has been made to verify each stage of information submitted through e-mail along with OTP.

He said messages will also be sent through WhatsApp. "All college staff have been given online training for ten days and students can take help of their teachers whenever necessary," he said. The CET will be conducted on April 23 and 24.

KANNIYAKUMARI TO KASHMIR

FARMERS FORUM PLANS RALLY OVER MSP DEMAND

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

FEDERATION of Farmers Association president and Samyukta Kisan Morcha national co-convener Kuruburu Shantakumar said a farmers' awareness rally from Kanniyakumari to Kashmir, demanding the implementation of the Minimum Support Price (MSP) Guarantee Act for agricultural produce, will be launched in the first week of February.

Shantakumar said farmers have been protesting at the Delhi borders for years, repeatedly warning the government, but no concrete action has been taken.

"When national convener and farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal undertook a 131-day hunger strike over the non-implementation of the MSP guarantee, the Supreme Court constituted a committee under the chairmanship of retired High Court judge Justice Nawab Singh and directed it to submit a report to resolve the issue. The committee submitted its report in favour of the farmers. Similarly, the 31-member Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture has also submitted a report supporting the implementation of the MSP Guarantee Act," he said. He said these developments were achievements resulting from the sustained agitation of the Samyukta Kisan Morcha, but alleged that the Central government has failed to act on them.

"Therefore, there is a need to warn the government and create awareness among farmers. Farmers across the country are incurring losses of nearly ₹15 lakh crore every year due to the absence of an MSP guarantee law. The farmers' awareness yatra will begin from Kanyakumari on February 7. It will travel for about 40 days, collect signatures from farmers in villages along the route, and culminate in Kashmir," he said.

Shantakumar added that a massive national farmers' convention will be held at Ramlila Maidan in New Delhi on March 19. "Following this, a memorandum along with the signatures collected from farmers across the country will be submitted to Prime Minister Narendra Modi," he said.

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Kuruburu Shantakumar, Samyukta Kisan Morcha national co-convener

Raita Sena files contempt plea against govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Hubballi

THE Raita Sena Karnataka has filed a contempt petition against the state government, accusing it of not abiding by the Karnataka High Court's direction to open crop procurement centres a month before the harvest season.

Raita Sena spokesperson Guru Rayanagoudra said a contempt petition was filed against the government before the government on January 7. Since both the executive and legislative wings of the government have failed to address the concern of farmers, they have again approached the judiciary seeking a way out, he added.

He said harvesting of Bengal gram, a rabi crop, would begin soon, but the administration is busy procuring kharif crops such as green gram and maize. Such a move by the government would only benefit the middlemen and traders, not farmers. They would urge the state government to set up procurement centres to purchase Bengal gram from farmers immediately, he added.

VTU launches activity tracker app for students

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

TO encourage student participation in co-curricular activities, the Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) on Friday launched the Activity Points Tracking System (APTS) mobile application.

The app tracks in real time the hours students spend on 16 categories of activities prescribed by the All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), including sports, debates, arts and community service.

After the launch, VTU Vice-Chancellor Dr S Vidyashankar said students will not be issued final marks cards or degree certificates unless they earn the required activity points.

Two new multi-specialty hospitals in B'luru awaiting Cabinet approval

Bengaluru: The health department has announced the construction of two new multi-specialty hospitals in Bengaluru, each with a capacity of 125 beds, at Bellahalli in Yelahanka Taluk and Sanjay Nagar in Hebbal assembly constituency. The estimated cost for each hospital is Rs. 75 crore and only the cabinet approval is pending for these projects. Initially, a single 200-bed hospital had been proposed in Bangalore North Taluk at a total cost of Rs. 150 crore. Following a review of technical and logistical considerations, the government decided to build two separate hospitals on five acres of government land, with modern infrastructure and secure hospital buildings to serve residents efficiently. Technical approval will be obtained from the competent authority before construction, and the projects will be executed through tenders in line with the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements Act and rules. A grant of Rs. 20 crore has already been allocated for the current fiscal year. Separate proposals for detailed estimates and human resources will be submitted for administrative approval. ENS

CONG-DMK ALLIANCE

TNCC team to meet Kharge on power sharing

Pilot backs demand for seat sharing, says there is nothing wrong with leaders raising it

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

AMID war of words over demand to the DMK from some sections of the TN Congress unit to share power after the Assembly polls, a delegation of the Tamil Nadu Congress Committee (TNCC) led by its chief K Selvaperunthagai is scheduled to meet AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge in New Delhi on Saturday to discuss the issue and other poll-related matters.

Incidentally, Congress's national general secretary Sachin Pilot, who was in Chennai on Friday for a private event, voiced support for the power-share call and said that there is nothing wrong in the demand of the party leaders.

The TN delegation — including senior Congress leaders, MPs and MLAs — which is set to meet Kharge and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, in Delhi, is expected to make significant decisions to end the strife between Congress and DMK that threatens to unravel the time-tested coalition.

Stating that the BJP and the NDA are trying to create a narrative, Pilot said they will never succeed in Tamil Nadu. "The Congress is committed to fighting these forces, and we have been together and united. In the future also, Congress, its cadres and all its INDIA partners together will defeat the NDA. Whatever happens in the future, the BJP and NDA will never find a foothold in Tamil Nadu politics," he added.

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Kerala Cong (M) quashes alliance shift rumours, reaffirms loyalty

KOTTAYAM: Reaffirming his political commitment to the CPM and Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, who had embraced the Kerala Congress (M) during its time of crisis, party chairman Jose K Mani has asserted that the party will remain in the LDF. In an implicit response to the reported pressure from powerful Christian groups, particularly the Catholic Church, to realign, Jose underscored his stance by listing party's contributions to the Christian community. He made the party's stand clear after a meeting of the KC(M) steering committee held in Kottayam on Friday. Although there were two strong opinions persisting in the party over shifting political allegiance ahead of the assembly elections, those who opposed the move gained prominence in the steering committee. Putting an end to days-long speculation, Jose said the shifting of political allegiance was an unopened chapter.

TAKING BULL BY ITS HORNS

Celebrating Tamil pride, a group of tamers attempts to conquer a raging bull at the Palamedu Jallikattu in Madurai on Friday | SHIBA PRASAD SAHU

Ashoka to CS: Act against netas, let govt staff work freely

Bengaluru: Leader of Opposition in Karnataka Assembly and senior BJP MLA R Ashoka has written to Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh, urging her to protect government employees from political interference and harassment so that they can perform their duties without fear. Referring to the recent incident of a Congress leader threatening Sidlaghatta CMC Commissioner Amrutha Gowda over removing banners, he said that though a case has been filed, the accused has not been arrested. "As the head of the executive, you should ensure that officials work without any fear or political pressure by taking action against such people. Only then can the confidence of officers be restored," he suggested. Ashoka and Deputy Leader of Opposition Arvind Bellad met Shalini Rajneesh and presented a memorandum, in which he stated that in the recent past, there have been many instances of officials being targeted. In the Sidlaghatta incident, the officer was verbally abused with unparliamentary words. "By such interference of politicians, the confidence of government employees has come down. There is an atmosphere in government offices that one cannot work fearlessly. This is damaging democracy," he said

Closely watching developments in JDS Kerala unit, says Gowda

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

FORMER Prime Minister and JDS National President **HD Deve Gowda** on Friday said that the party's national committee is closely watching the developments in its Kerala unit and will take suitable steps at the appropriate time.

"It has been brought to my notice that the leaders of the Kerala unit of JDS are proceeding to dissociate with the national committee. The national committee is closely watching the developments and will take suitable steps at the appropriate time," Gowda said.

Gowda added that there have been reports in a section of the media that some persons are planning to hold a separate meeting in Kerala under the guise of allegiance to the Central leadership. "In this context, I wish to categorically state that the party has not authorised any new person or persons in Kerala to convene any meeting under the banner of JDS and that if any such meeting is convened by anybody, it will be void not having the approval of JDS national committee," Gowda added.

EXPRESS READ

Sabarimala gold theft: Ex-TDB prez refutes 'misleading' reports

Pathanamthitta: Former TDB president P S Prasanth has accused certain media outlets of spreading misleading and factually incorrect reports in connection with the Sabarimala gold theft controversy, even as a SIT probe is progressing. Prasanth said that the board expressed concern over attempts by some sections of the media to link the present case with alleged irregularities in the 2025 restoration of the Dwarapalaka sculptures. It clarified that the SIT is probing lapses that occurred in 2019, based on a report which pointed out procedural violations at the time.

Four students swept away off Nellore beach, 2 bodies retrieved

Nellore:Four students of Gollapalli Ashram School went missing at Isakapalli beach in Nellore district on Friday. The missing students were identified as Eega Ammulu (14), Class IX, Eega Bala Krishna (15) of Errapagunta, Abhishek (16) of Isakapalli, and Gandhalla Sudheer (15) of Chejerla. Bala Krishna, Abhishek and Sudheer are said to be Intermediate students. Soon after the incident, a search operation was launched. The bodies of Ammulu and Bala were retrieved from the sea. Marine police, along with fishermen, have intensified search operation for the remaining two students.

S India will have fewer MPs, no voice in House: BR Patil

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

KARNATAKA'S Policy and Planning Commission Vice-President and **MLA BR Patil** expressed concern over reduction in the number of MP seats in South Indian states as the population is lower compared to North Indian states. The Union government should ensure they need to come up with a formula that all states accept.

Patil said that the Central government is taking decisions unanimously and widening the gap between states and the Centre, and will frame the policy according to their whims and fancies. He said that with disparity in population among South and North Indian states, the number of MPs will reduce drastically in South India.

"This means there will be more representation in Parliament from North Indian states. The Central government will not even bother to look at us as they get more support from North Indian states. We will organise a debate on this," he said. Patil also alleged that the Central government is harassing the Karnataka government.

On Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy's wish to return to state politics, he said, "He may not know this, but BJP will finish regional parties. Looks like the Centre does not consider his words. We should ask former PM HD Deve Gowda if JDS will be there in coming days."

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b) Mr. Kan Singh
2. Mr. Giridhari Singh, Aged about 39 years, S/o. Mr. Pukh Singh, At No. 125, 2nd Block, Sudhamanagar, Bangalore - 560 027.
3.Mr. Kan Singh Aged about 39 years, S/o. Mr. Pukh Singh, At No. 125, 2nd Block, Sudhamanagar, Bangalore - 560 027.
Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.1,41,32,929.10 ps** (Rupees One Crore Forty One Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Nine and Paise Ten Only) together with current and future interest and other reliefs.
The above mentioned defendants are required to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate n support of their defense to show cause within 30 days or on **24.02.2026 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **07.10.2025**
By Order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II.

REQUIREMENT OF VENDORS FOR RUNNING AIRMEN INSTITUTE AND NANDANI PARLOUR AT HQ TRAINING COMMAND (UNIT), AIR FORCE
Commanding Officer, Head Quarter Training Command (Unit), Air Force invites applications from interested vendors/persons for running Airmen Institute and Nandini Parlour in HQ T (U), AF Campus Preference will be given to Was Widows/ Widows of defence personnel killed while on duty, Disabled Soldiers/ Ex- Servicemen and Spouses / Widows of Ex-servicemen then civilians who are experienced in running shops in defence area.
Tender form may be collected from Unit Admin (Service Institute office) by paying RS. 200/-(Non-refundable) from 0900 hrs to 1400hrs from 09 Jan 26 to 23 Jan 26. Tender forms duly filled are to be dropped in the tender box, kept at Main Guard Room HQ TC (U), AF latest by 1100 hrs on 27 Jan 26. For further details, please contact Service Institute Office. **Tele: 23411081 Extn: 7626.**

NORTH EASTERN INSTITUTE OF AYURVEDA & HOMOEOPATHY
(An Autonomous institute under the Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India)
Mawdiangdiang, Shillong, Meghalaya - 793018
EST-16/1/2025-Administration Division/
VACANCY NOTICE
North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda & Homoeopathy (NEIAH), Shillong invites applications for various Teaching and Non-Teaching posts of Assistant Professor (Ayurveda- Swasthavritta and Agadatantra), Assistant Professor (Homoeopathy Allied Anatomy, Surgery, Obstetrics & Gynecology) and Nursing Officer to be filled-up by Direct Recruitment/Deputation (including short term contract).
Note:
1. For details of qualifications, experience, reservation, prescribed format of application, requisite fee and other general conditions, interested and eligible candidates are advised to visit Institute website www.neiah.nic.in
2. Closing date for submission of application will be 45 days from the date of publication of Advertisement in the Employment News.

Sd/-
Deputy Director (Admn)
NEIAH, Shillong
CBC17217/12/0003/2526

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
(SIGNAL & TELECOMMUNICATION WORKSHOP)
PODANUR
E-Tender
For and on behalf of the President of India, The Chief Workshop Manager, Signal and Telecommunication Workshop, Podanur, Coimbatore 641023, invites E-Tender for the following works as per Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** Tenderers/Contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted. The Bid Security deposit should be made through online payment gateway or through available modes as mentioned in Tender document.
Tender Notice No SGW-S-203-WP-612453-I dated, 13.01.2026

1.	Name of work	Supply of Semi-Knock Down Wooden Packing Box to Drg.no CWM/SK 400/Alt-3 for Electric Point Machine and packing of Electric Point Machine at S&T/WS/PTJ (Qty-5400)
2.	Approximate cost of the work	74,72,952.00/-Including GST @ 18%
3.	Earnest money to be deposited	Rs. 1,49,500/-
4.	Completion period of work	24 Months
5.	Date and time of closing of tender	15.00 Hrs of 05.02.2026
6.	Website particulars	**www.ireps.gov.in**

For further details. visit office of the Chief Workshop Manager, Signal and Telecommunication workshop, Podanur, Coimbatore-641023.
Dy.CSTE/S&T/PTJ
For Chief Workshop Manager, S&T Workshop, Podanur

OIL PALM INDIA LIMITED
Regd. Office:XIV/130, Kottayam South P.O., Kodimatha, Kottayam - 686 013. Phone: 0481 -2567104 Fax: 0481 -2561 442 Website:www.oilpalmindia.com E-mail: md@oilpalmindia.com
E - Tender Notice
OP/SEC/SL/86 **12-01-2026**
Crude Palm Oil (CPO), Palm Kernel Oil, Palm Kernel Cake, Sludge Oil Mixture, High FFA Palm Oil and other by-products from Palm Oil Mill are available for sale throughout the year. Those who wish to participate may refer company's web site or www.etenders.kerala.gov.in or contact at above phone numbers.
Sd/-
Secreatary & Sr.Manager (Commercial)

ICICI Bank | Regd. Office: ICICI Bank Limited, Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007
Corporate Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai- 400051.
Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Housr Main Road Bangalore- 560068
Annexure 54
Notice for Disclosure of Legal Heirs of Deceased Borrower
PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that Home Loan TBDEL00006184378 (Credit facility) was granted to Soumya Mohan along with the deceased Mohan Rao K (Deceased) Through It's Legal Heir) by ICICI Bank Ltd. (The Bank).
We would like to inform you that the demise of Mohan Rao K (Deceased) Through It's Legal Heir) come to our knowledge during field visits conducted by the Bank officials and by telephonic communications on the registered contact numbers. In this regard, letter dated 13.01.2026 was previously sent to the registered addresses of the Borrowers and the deceased Mohan Rao K (Deceased) Through It's Legal Heir) for providing information about the Legal Heirs of the deceased Borrower.
Therefore, this Notice is hereby given for sharing details of the Legal Heirs of the deceased Mohan Rao K (Deceased) Through It's Legal Heir) with supporting documents for updating the Bank's records, within 15 days of publication of this Notice.
You may submit the above-mentioned details to Mr. Premjith R, ICICI Bank Ltd, 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Housr Main Road, Bangalore- 560068.
Date : January 17, 2026
Place : Bangalore
Authorised Officer
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NATUROPATHY
Ministry of Ayush, Government of India
'Bapu Bhavan', Matoshree Ramabai Ambedkar Road, Tadiwala Road, Pune 411001, Maharashtra
Phone: (020) 26059682/3/4/5
Email: ninpune@bharatmail.co.in
Website: www.ninpune.ayush.gov.in
EMPLOYMENT NOTICE
Applications are invited for selection of a suitable candidate for the post of **Director,** National Institute of Naturopathy, Pune, an autonomous organization under the administrative control of the Ministry of Ayush, Government of India, in **Pay Level 13 (Rs. 1,23,100-2,15,900)** in the Pay Matrix, as per **7th CPC.**
The post will be filled up from the officers of the Central/ State Government/ Autonomous Bodies/ Research Institutions/ Public Sector Undertakings/ Semi-Government statutory or Autonomous organizations funded by the Government and Officers from Private Sector Institutions on **deputation/ short term contract** for tenure of maximum **5 years** or till the incumbent attains the age of superannuation, whichever is earlier. In addition, the names of the officers of the Institute who are otherwise eligible and possessing adequate qualifications, experience etc. prescribed for the post will also be considered.
The details of **age limit, educational qualifications and experience** prescribed for the post and the prescribed format for application etc. are available on the website of the Institute, **https://ninpune.ayush.gov.in**
The eligible and interested persons may send their applications in the **prescribed format** through proper channel to the below mentioned address so that it reaches the following address **within 60 days** of publication of the Vacancy Notification in **Employment News.** The date of publication of the advertisement in Employment News will be notified on the above mentioned website.
Director (In Charge),
National Institute of Naturopathy, Nisarg Gram,
Opposite Vidyashilp Public School, Yewalewadi, Pune 411048
CBC 17211/11/0011/2526

Z-28016/59/2024-PMSSY-IV(8300536)
Government of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
(PMSSY Division)
Room No. 12100, Kartavya Bhawan-1, New Delhi-110001
ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POST OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AIIMS MADURAI
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (PMSSY Division) invites applications from eligible candidates for filling up the post of Executive Director on deputation/short term contract/ contract basis in the Level 15; Rs. 182200-224100/- in the Pay Matrix (as per 7th CPC) in All India institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) **Madurai.**
For further details, please visit Ministry's Website and Division's Website at https://mohfw.gov.in & https://pmssy.mohfw.gov.in.
Detailed advertisement will be published in the Employment News. The closing date of receipt of application will be the 45th day from the date of publication of advertisement in Employment News.
Sd/-
(Arvind Thakur)
Deputy Secretary
Tel. 011-24013197/98
CBC 17101/11/0046/2526

Bapuji Educational Association (Regd.)
S.S. Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Centre
(Approved by National Medical Commission, New Delhi and Affiliated to RGUHS, Bengaluru)
NH-4, Bypass Road, Davangere – 577005, Karnataka, Phone: 08192-266307
FACULTY RECRUITMENT
Applications are invited from qualified and dedicated Medical Professionals for the following faculty positions at our well-equipped Medical College and Hospital.

Sl. No	Department	Name of the Post	No.of Post	Qualification	Experience
1	Anatomy	Assistant Professor	4	MBBS, MD	As per National Medical Commission, New Delhi Norms
2	Physiology	Assistant Professor	2	MBBS, MD	
3	Biochemistry	Assistant Professor	4	MBBS, MD	
4	Forensic Medicine	Assistant Professor	3	MBBS, MD	
5	Microbiology	Assistant Professor	1	MBBS, MD	
6	General Surgery	Assistant Professor	2	MBBS, MS	
		Senior Resident	2		
7	General Medicine	Assistant Professor	3	MBBS, MD	
8	Radiology	Senior Resident	2	MBBS, MD	

Note: Retired Medical teachers from Government services are also eligible to apply.
Application Procedure: Interested and eligible candidates may walk in for an interview on any working day OR apply immediately by submitting your resume directly to the Principal to the above address, and mail resume to principalssimsrc@gmail.com.
Date: 16.01.2026
Place: Davangere
Sd/-
Principal
SSIMS & RC, Davangere

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Government of Karnataka

Youth Empowerment and Sports

Zilla Panchayat Vijayapur.

Assistant Director, Youth Empowerment & Sports,

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Stadium, Vijayapur- 586101

Telephone: 08352-251085

No: A.D/YESO/VJP/TENDER/2025-26 Date:14.01.2026

Short Term Re-Tender

For the year 2025-26, e-tenders are invited through e-procurement portal from eligible suppliers in accordance with Karnataka Public Procurement Transparency Act 1999 and Rules 2000 for supply of out source staff in District Stadium/ Taluka Stadium/Sports Hostel of Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports. For more information www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in please contact office phone number: 08352-251085 or 7019008443.

Last Date Submission on Application : **27.01.2026**

Tender Opening Date : **28.01.2026**

Date of opening of financial bid: **After inform eligible technical bid**

Total Tender Amount Rs. **51,70,000/-**

E.M.D. Amount Rs. **1,03,000/-**

Sl.No	Number of out source staff	Tender Process Fee	Staff Details
01	15	As per Portal	1) Warden -1 2) computer Operator-1 3) Security Guard -12 4) Cleaner -1
			Total - 15

Sd/- Assistant Director

Youth Empowerment & Sports , Vijayapur

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public, that my client **Mrs Poongothai, W/o Mr Nataraj** aged about 65 years residing at No 3/420, Ist Cross, Bharathi Nagar, Arasanatti Village, Mookandapalli, Sipcot Post, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri Dist.,. Mrs Poongothai N, is the absolute owner of the property bearing Sy No. 675/2, comprising of residential Building consisting of Ground Floor, First Floor, Second Floor and Terrace Floor totally measuring 2100 Sq ft of built up area situated at **Avallapalli village, Hosur, SRO, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District** measuring North - Lands in SF No 675/2; East - Land belonging to A Kulathaisamy, South - 20 ft Wide Layout Road, West - Land belonging to R Usha In this Middle East to west on the North 35 East to west on the south 35' North to south on the west 60' North to south on the west 60' in all measuring 2100 Sq Ft. Further State that recently they have noticed sale deed Document No.7643/2010, dated 02.08.2010 executed @ Hosur SRO, Tamilnadu in favour of Mr. Kumar N by Mr. Rajaram and Mrs. Ashoka Rajram has been misplaced or lost the original document while some work in Bangalore Near Bharathi Nagar (Cox Town) and a police complaint has been lodged to that effect. Case Registered No. : 2008954/2026, Sakala No: PO012S260000130, AFFIDAVIT No. : IN KA 51684359387677Y, It is requested to the general public that if anybody comes across with the said original document the same may be returned to the undersigned with in **7 days** from the date of this publication and also the General public is hereby informed that anybody dealing with the said property based on lost/ Misplaced document in any manner whatsoever will be doing so, at their own cost, risk and liabilities and my client will not be held responsible in any manner for any such transactions.

Mr. A. Ranganathan,
Advocate & Notary Public,
8, Ramalinga Jothi Nagar, 7th Street
Ramanathapuram, Coimbatore-641045
Phone No: 9842256033

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act.) read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the said Rules). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the said Rules, the Authorised Officer of IIFL Home Finance Ltd. (IIFL HFL) (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) has issued Demand Notice under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, to the Borrower(s) to pay within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the date(s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of the Borrower(s), amount due as on date of Demand Notice and security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:-

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Description of Secured asset (immovable property)
Mr. Giduvina Hosahalli Kumar Sachin S V Interiors Mr. Kumara Mrs. Maniyamma **(Prospect No IL10325104)**	**09-Jan-2026, Rs.3663406/-** (Rupees Thirty Six Lakh Sixty Three Thousand Four Hundred Six Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: TTP-B2-2A-1007, Floor No. 10, 2A 2B 2C 2D B2, Building 2, Survey No 1532A And 1533A Khata NO 06 Herohallivillage Yeshwanthapura Hobli Bangalore. 560091 Area Admeasuring (IN SQ. FT.): Property Type: Saleable_Area, Carpet_Area Property Area: 884.00, 707.00 Bounded By North:As Per The Title Documents And Technical Reports SouthAs Per The Title Documents And Technical Reports EastAs Per The Title Documents And Technical Reports WestAs Per The Title Documents And Technical Reports
Mr. Venkatesh Miss. Surakshitha Venkatash Mrs. Lakshmamma **(Prospect No IL10561220)**	**09-Jan-2026, Rs.1062125/-** (Rupees Ten Lakh Sixty Two Thousand One Hundred Twenty Five Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: 151/22/227/3/A, Thegachaguppe Post, Harisandra Post, Channapatana Tq Ramanagara, Channapatna, Govt School, Ramanagara, Karnataka, India, 562160 Area Admeasuring (IN SQ. FT.): Property Type: Land_Area, Built_Up_Area Property Area: 1480.00, 625.00 Bounded By North:Road South Remaining Property East Property Of Venkatesh West Property Of Puttasiddamma
Miss. Chikkahanumanthiah Anitha Mrs. Anitha C Mr. Raju Pemmanahalli Huchahanumaiah, Raju Digitals, Mr. Raju P H **(Prospect No IL10367624, IL10912216)**	**09-Jan-2026, IL10367624 is Rs.2844470.96/-** (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakh Forty Four Thousand Four Hundred Seventy & Ninety Six Paise Only)**& IL10912216 is Rs.1315920.54/-** (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty & Fifty Four Paise Only)	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Being: Site No :346 G, 3rd Block, Jp Nagara, Bangalore, Jp Nagar Iii Phase, Bangalore, Bangalore, Karnataka, 560078 Area Admeasuring (in Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land_area, Built_up_area Property Area: 594.00, 1325.00 Bounded By: North: Site No.346/I South: Site No.346/K East: Road West: Site No.326/J
Mrs. Basheera Banu, Bhanu Beauty Parlour Mr. Ali Ahamad Mrs. Abdulwajid **(Prospect No IL10305610)**	**09-Jan-2026, Rs.195826/-** (Rupees One Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Six Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: 25, 25, Yeswanthpura, Yeswanthpura, Yeswanthpura, Yeswanthpura, Bangalore, Karnataka, 560022 Area Admeasuring (IN SQ. FT.): Property Type: Land_Area, Built_Up_Area Property Area: 1020.00, 1785.00 Bounded By North:House Of Rangappa SouthSite No.26 EastSite No.24 West25 Wide Road

If the said Borrower fail to make payment to IIFL HFL as aforesaid, IIFL HFL may proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the said Act, and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks, costs and consequences of the Borrowers. For further details please contact to Authorised Officer at **Branch Office :** "ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025 Or **Corporate Office :** IIFL Tower, Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Ph-IV Gurgaon, Haryana.

Place : Bangalore; Date : 17.01.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.**

QuoteExpress

THE SECRET OF GETTING AHEAD IS GETTING STARTED › MARK TWAIN

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients **Sri .Nagachaithanya Thallam**, son of Sri. Thallam Papaiah Sheety and Smt.suthuluri Sindhu Wife of Sri.Nagachaithanya Thallam intends to purchase the property mentioned in the schedule given to this notice from its present owner Smt .K.Sudha, Wife of late Venkatachalaiah for valid sale consideration. therefore by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, charge, gift, maintenance, inheritance, possession, lease, tenancy, sub-tenancy lien, license, hypothecation, transfer of title or beneficial interest under any trust, right of prescription or pre-emption or under any agreement or other disposition or under any decree or order or award or otherwise claiming howsoever are hereby requested to make the same known in writing together with supporting documents to the undersigned within a period of **7 days** from the date of publication hereof , failing which the claim of such person/s will deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned and on the basis of the same our client will proceed with the sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing vacant Site No. 70-B, Katha No. 105/70-B, formed in Sy .No. 105, as per BBMP From N Property No.3174/ 105/ 70-B, Property PID No.2169672127, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet in all measuring 1200 square feet situted at Kothanur Village, Uttarhalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now comes within the limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike and is bounded on: **East by :** - Site No.71; **West by : -** Site No.69; **North by :** -Road; **South by : -** Site No.57.

S.SANTHOSHA SHETTY & ASSOCIATES ADVOCATES,
No.53/2,"Sanchana Nilaya" Hulimavu ,
B.G.Road, Bangalore :76 ,
Mobile No. 9880206232

RAIL WHEEL FACTORY

Website: www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in

TENDER NOTICE NO. RWF/W/25-26/19 dtd. 14.01.2026

E-TENDERS: On Behalf of the President of India, the Dy. CHIEF ENGINEER invites electronic tender for the following works online through the website **http://www.ireps.gov.in** (Works).

Tender No. W.496/RWF/YNK/1073 **Description :** Infrastructure works of **SW-I:** New Forge Line Forging Bay-Bloom Storage and the relocation of existing Road to NAFL, **SW-II:** Extension of Axle Forging Heat Treatment Bay and Development of connection to relocated road from Wheel Shop main road/weigh bridge and **SW-III:** Improvement of road surface inside material gate and Wheel Shop roads. **Estimated Value :** Rs. 7,24,90,103.86 + 8,68,55,143.74 + 2,34,72,067.00 = 18,28,17,314.60 **EMD Amount :** Rs. 1064100.00 **Closing Date & Time :** 06.02.2026 at 15:00 hrs.

This tender notice can be viewed on our website **www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in**

Dy. Chief Engineer

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES
MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH (DME), MEGHALAYA
PASTEUR HILLS, SHILLONG

Email ID: pasteurinstituteshil@gmail.com Tel no. 0364-2591510/94851 06663

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No:DHSME&R/SMC/TENDER/IV/31/2025-26/117 Dtd; Shillong, the 15th January, 2026

CORRIGENDUM

In continuation of the tender notice for "Supply and Installation of Equipment/Items for the Department of Skill Lab as per NMC at Shillong Medical College Shillong" under the Directorate of Health Services Medical Education & Research (DME) (NIT No. DHSME&R/SMC/TENDER/IV/20/2025/10033), it is hereby notified that the Directorate has been relocated.

Accordingly, the address for submission of tenders is revised as under:

"Directorate of Health Services Medical Education & Research (DME), MMSRB Building DHS (MI) Top Floor, Health Complex, Nongkynrih - Laitumkhrah, Shillong, Meghalaya - 793003".

All tenders and related documents shall henceforth be submitted at the above address only. Tenders submitted at the earlier address after issuance of this notice shall not be considered.

All other terms and conditions of the tender remain unchanged. This Corrigendum shall form an integral part of the tender documents.

(Sd/-)
Director of Health Services
Medical Education & Research (DME)
Meghalaya, Pasteur Hills, Shillong

M.I.P.R. No. 2594
Dt, : 16/1/26

ICICI Bank

Registered Office: ICICI Bank Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara-390007 **Corporate Office**: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra- Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai- 400051 **Branch Office**: ICICI Bank Limited, 4th Floor, Commissariat Rd, Ashok Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560025

NOTICE UNDER SEC 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT, 2002

The following Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagors/Security Providers have defaulted in the payment/repayment of the outstanding dues of ICICI Bank Ltd ("Bank/Secured Creditor") and the loan accounts have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A Demand Notice was issued to the Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagors/ Security Providers under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 at their last known addresses. As steps taken for substituted service of notice, they are notified by way of this public notice.

Name of the Borrower/Guarantors/ Mortgagors/ Security Providers and Address		Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced	Date of 13(2) Notice Sent, Loan Facility, Outstanding Dues as per Notice	NPA Date
M/s Innovative Foods Limited	Borrower (Regd. Office)	Secured Assets as detailed below in Annexure A and B.	Date of Notice Sent: December 24, 2025 Loan Facility: Cash Credit with sublimit of Working Capital Demand Loan, Letter of Credit, Bank Guarantee Outstanding dues as on November 28, 2025: ₹13,33,21,495.15 (Rupees Thirteen crore thirty-three lakh twenty-one thousand, four hundred ninety-five and fifteen paise only)	May 02, 2025
M/s Innovative Foods Limited	Borrower (Factory)			
Mr. Manoj Kumar Parameswaran	Director			
M/s Innovative Foods Limited	Borrower (Office)			
M/s Innovative Foods Limited	Borrower (Factory)			
1. 1-C, Chakolas Habitat, A-Block, Thevara Ferry Road, Cochin, Kerala- 682013 2. Ezhupunna P.O, Alappuzha Dist., Kerala- 688 537 3. Mini Vihar, Near Hill, Palace Museum, Cochin, Kerala-682301 4. 4th Floor, Premium Square, 484, CMH Road, Above Vivo Flagship Store, Indiranagar 1st Stage, KFC Square, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560038 5. Plot 7, Srini Foods Parks Pvt Ltd, Mogili village, Bangarupalayam Mandal, Chittoor District, Andra Pradesh				

The above Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagors/Security Providers (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

ANNEXURE A
Secured Assets - Particulars of Hypothecated Property
Pari Passu charge of ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank on property

The whole of the Borrower's stocks of raw materials, goods-in process, semi-finished and finished goods, consumable stores and spares and such other movables, including book debts, bills, whether documentary or clean, , both present and future, whether in the possession or under the control of the Borrower or not, whether now lying loose or in cases or which are now lying or stored in or about or shall hereafter from time to time during the continuance of these presents be brought into or upon or be stored or be in or about all the Borrower's factories, premises and godowns situate at Cochin (Kerala), Chittoor (Andhra Pradesh) or wherever else the same may be or be held by any party to the order or disposition of the Borrower or in the course of transit or on high seas or on order or delivery (the "Current Assets", which expression shall, as the context may permit or require, mean any or each of such Current Assets).

The whole of the Borrower's moveable properties (save and except current assets) including its movable plant and machinery, machinery spares, tools and accessories, non- trade receivables and other movables, both present and future, whether in the possession or under the control of the Borrower or not, whether installed or not and whether now lying loose or in cases or which are now lying or stored in or about or shall hereafter from time to time during the continuance of these presents be brought into or upon or be stored or be in or about all the Borrower's factories, premises and godowns situated at Cochin (Kerala), Chittoor (Andhra Pradesh) or wherever else the same may be or be held by any party to the order or disposition of the Borrower or in the course of transit or on high seas or on order or delivery (the "Moveable Properties", which expression shall, as the context may permit or require, mean any or each of such Moveable Properties).

The whole of specific equipment(s) of the Borrower including its spares, tools and accessories, software, whether installed or not and whether in the possession or under the control of the Borrower or not, whether now lying loose or in cases or which are now lying or stored in or about or shall hereafter from time to time during the continuance of these presents be brought into or upon or be stored or be in or about the Borrower's factories, premises and godowns situated at Cochin (Kerala), Chittoor (Andhra Pradesh), or wherever else the same may be or be held by any party to the order or disposition of the Borrower or in the course of transit or on high seas or on order or delivery (the "Equipment", which expression shall, as the context may permit or require, mean any or each of such Equipment).

All the Bank Accounts and all rights, title, interest, benefits, claims and demands whatsoever of the Borrower in, to, under and in respect of the Bank Accounts and all monies including all cash flows and receivables and insurance proceeds payable into the Bank Accounts, which have been deposited / credited / lying in the Bank Accounts, all investments, assets, instruments and securities which represent all amounts in the Bank Accounts, both present and future (the "Account Assets", which expression shall, as the context may permit or require, mean any or each of such Account Assets).

All amounts owing to, and received and/or receivable by, the Borrower and/or any person on its behalf, all book debts, all cash flows and receivables and proceeds arising from / in connection with Business and all rights, title, interest, benefits, claims and demands whatsoever of the Borrower in, to or in respect of all the aforesaid assets, including but not limited to the Borrower's cash-in-hand, both present and future (the "Receivables", which expression shall, as the context may permit or require, mean any or each of such Receivables).

ANNEXURE B
Secured Asset - Particulars of Immovable Properties
Pari Passu charge on property of ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank
Schedule - A

All the pieces and parcel of land having an extent of 59.49 Ares Sy No. 20 & 21, part in Plot No 7 in Srini Food Park Pvt Ltd, Mogili Village, Bangarupalayam Mandal, Chittor District, Andra Pradesh State. Bounded by East: Road, North: Plot No 6, East: Srini Food Park Land, South: Srini Food Park Were House together with all the buildings and structures thereon, fixtures, fittings and all plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything to the earth both present and future.

Schedule – B

All the pieces and parcel of land having an extent of 4.05 Ares in Sy 287/29, 16.19 Ares in Sy No 288/1-3, 27.11 Ares in Sy No 288/1-2 and 21.45 Ares in Sy No 288/1-1 in Ezhupunna Village. Bounded by East: Property of Innovative Foods Limited, North: Road, West: Road, South: Property of Innovative Foods Limited, together with all the buildings and structures thereon, fixtures, fittings and all plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything to the earth both present and future.

And All the pieces and parcel of land having an extent of 4.05 Ares in Sy 287/20-1-2, 4.05 Ares in Sy 287/20-1-4, 4.05 Ares in Sy 287/18A2, 5.26 Ares in Sy 287/18A, 3.64 Ares in Sy 287/18B, 3.45 Ares in Sy 287/24-1, 8.09 Ares in Sy 287/20-2, 8.09 Ares in Sy 287/21-3, 6.66 Ares in Sy 287/20-2, 2.03 Ares in Sy 287/17A and 2.02 Ares in Sy 287/21-2 in Ezhupunna Village. Bounded by East: Property of Excelent Fisharies, North: Property of Innovative Foods Limited, West: Property of Innovative Foods Limited, South: Property of Tharakan Family, together with all the buildings and structures thereon, fixtures, fittings and all plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything to the earth both present and future.

And All the pieces and parcel of land having an extent of 12.60 Ares Sy 287/16A & B in Ezhupunna Village. Bounded by East: Property of Excellent Fisharies, North: Road, West: Property of Innovative Foods Limited, South: Property of Innovative Foods Limited, together with all the buildings and structures thereon, fixtures, fittings and all plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything to the earth both present and future.

Date: January 17, 2026 Authorised Officer,
Place: Bengaluru ICICI Bank Limited

ଓଡ଼ିଶା ବିଦ୍ୟୁତ୍ ଶକ୍ତି ସଂଚାରଣ ନିଗମ ଲିଃ

(ଓଡ଼ିଶା ସରକାରଙ୍କ ଏକ ଉପକ୍ରମ)

OPTCL Lifeline of Odisha

ODISHA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(A Government of Odisha Undertaking)

CAD-3034 **Regd. Office: OPTCL Tech Tower, Janpath, Saheed Nagar, Bhubaneswar-751007**

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

E-Tender No.	Tender Description:	Estimated Cost
CPC-44/2025-26	Engineering, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning works for "Construction of existing 03 nos Conventional Grid Sub-station at Cuttack, Bhanjanagar & Theruvali into SAS-enabled Sub-station through installation of Kiosk-Based Automation system and provision of switchyard equipment for one no. incomplete tie bay at Thiruvali GSS" in Odisha State of India on Turnkey Contract Basis.	Rs. 97,04,16,467.00
CPC-56/2025-26	Bids are invited from reputed manufacturers in two part bidding system for Procurement of BPI & PI for Isolators in e-tendering mode only. **Last Date & Time of Submission of Bid: 06.02.2026 upto 12:30 Hr.**	Rs. 9,44,80,528.00
CPC-54/2025-26	Bids are invited from reputed manufacturers for Procurement of Tower Structure Materials & HDG Nut & Bolts for conversion of 2ph to 3ph line of different RTSS Sub-stations and 220kV DC Lilo line from Narendrapur GSS to 400kV Gopalpur GSS.	Rs. 3,76,46,507/-

Complete set of bidding documents are available at **www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL** and **www.optcl.co.in**.

/optcl.odisha /optcl_odisha **HIPR-65/2025-26**

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government of India Undertaking)

Canara Bank, ARM Branch I

2nd Floor, No. 86, Spencers Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001.

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provisio to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ARM Branch-1 (Earlier Cantonment Branch), Bengaluru of the **Canara Bank, ARM-1 Branch (2366),** will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **10.02.2026 (10.30 AM to 11.00 AM),** for recovery of **Rs. 1,12,26,388.04** (Rupees One Crore Tweleve Lakh Twenty six thousand Three Hundred eighty eight And Paisa zero four Only) as on 01-01-2026 with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank** from **Borrower : Sri. Krishnamurthy,** S/o. Bajjappa, 234, C D Hoskote, Kasaba Circle, Anekal, Bangalore, Karnataka-562106 and **Guarantor : Mr. B. Keshava Murthy** S/o. Bajjappa, 234, C D Hoskote, Kasaba Circle, Anekal, Bangalore, Karnataka-562106.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of E-Wallet of **M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **09.02.2026, 5.00 pm.**

Lot	Description of the immovable/ movable assets	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental value Rs.
1	Residential Property bearing site no 14, situated at Anekal Taluk, Anekal Town, Bangalore urban district 562106 bearing Municipal Khatha No 795/2617/14 issued by Anekal City Municipal Council. **East by :** Road, **West by :** Site No 7, 8 & 9, **North by :** Site No 15, **South by :** Site No 11,12 & 13. **Owner of the property : B. Keshava Murthy.**	**Rs. 96,50,000 (Rupees Ninety Six Lakh fifty Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 9,65,000 (Rupees Nine Lakh Sixty five Thousand Only)**	**1,00,000 (Rupees One Lakh Only)**
2	Residential Property bearing site no 13, situated at Anekal Taluk, Anekal Town, Bangalore urban district-562106. bearing Municipal Khatha No 794/2616/13 issued by Anekal City Municipal Council. **East by :** Road, **West by :** Site No. 7,8 & 9, **North by :** Site No. 14, **South by :** Remaining portion of Site No. 13. **Owner of the property : B. Keshava Murthy.**			

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in **Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com)** or may contact Authorised Officer, **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No. 9901642631 and 9483544116** during office hours on any working day.

Date: 16.01.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Offier**
Place: Bangalore **Canara Bank**

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government Of India Undertaking)
Head Office: Bangalore

ARM-1 Branch,

2nd Floor, No.86, Spencer Tower,
M.G. Road Bengaluru-560001
Ph:080-25310066, E-mail: cb2366@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable / movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 10.02.2026 at 10.30 AM to 11.00 AM,** for recovery of **Rs. 75,75,752.02 (Rupees Seventy Five Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Two, Paise Two Only) as on 05.01.2026 plus further interest and cost thereon** due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from (1) Mr. N. R. Prabhakar** S/o. Rangaswamy N B, No.4, Anjaneya Temple Road, Vaderamanchanahalli, Kallu Balu Post, Anekal. Bangalore-562106 **Also at : Mr. N. R. Prabhakar** S/o. Rangaswamy N B, No.00, Nalkudre, Chennagiri, Davanagere, Karnataka 577544. **(2) Mrs. Asha** W/o N R. Prabhakar, No.4, Anjaneya Temple Road, Vaderamanchanahalli, Kallu Balu Post, Anekal, Bangalore-562106 **Also at : Mrs. Asha** W/o N R. Prabhakar, N B, No.00, Nalkudre, Chennagiri, Davanagere, Karnataka-577544.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through **RTGS/NEFT** in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **09.02.2026- 5.00 pm.**

(₹.In Lakhs)

Lot	Description of the immovable assets	Reserve Price	EMD	Incre -mental Value
1	**Schedule 'A' property :** All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential property being a Eastern Portion of site bearing No.1, formed in Land in Sy No.16/2 of Yelenahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, (duly converted for the purpose of Non-Agricultural residential purpose in order No.B Dis ALN.SR (S) 145/1999-2000, Bangalore District), now comes under within the limits of BBMP, Begur Ward No.192 of Yelenahalli, Bangalore and BBMP has assigned BBMP Khatha No.2259/226/1, as measuring Eastto West on Northern side 75 feet and Southern Side 55 feet and North to South eastern Side 116 feet, on western side 146 feet in all measuring 8515 sq.ft and bounded on: East by Private Property, West by: Western Portion of site No.1, North by: Private Property, South by: Road. **Schedule 'B' property :** 310 sq. ft of undivided share, right, title and interest and ownership in schedule 'A property. **Schedule 'C' property :** All that piece and parcel of residential apartment bearing No.101, in the ground floor of residential complex now known as "Kranthi Enclave" of super built up 1450 sq feet area consisting of Two bed rooms, one Hall, One Kitchen, Three Balconies, two bathrooms together with 290 sq. ft of undivided share, title, right and interest and co-ownership rights in the land described in the schedule together with proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies lifts staircases and other areas of common use.	**₹. 57.39**	**₹. 5.74**	**₹. 1.00**

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, (Ph. No.08025310066, 7022044933 And 9039609346) during office hours on any working day.

Date : 16.01.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bengaluru **Canara Bank**

AXIS BANK

Retail Lending and Payment Group (Local Office/Branch): Axis Bank Ltd, # 45 Prestige Libra, 1st Floor, Regional Passport Office, Near: Urvashi Theatre, Lalbagh Road, Lalbagh, Bangalore – 560 027.

Axis Bank Ltd., 3rd Floor, Gigaplex, NPC – 1, TTC Industrial Area, Mugalsan Road, Airoli, Navi Mumbai – 400 708.
Registered Office: "Trishul", 3rd Floor Opp. Samartheshwar Temple Law Garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad – 380006.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE/AUCTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

{Under SARFAESI Act read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules}

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property is mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Secured Creditor will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is"** on **04.02.2026** for recovery of **Rs 28,16,282/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty Two Only) dues as on 31.12.2025** with future interest and costs due to the secured creditor from **Borrower: (1) Mrs. Lakshmi Koch,** D/o Stafford Francies Koch, AAA Suites-1 Building, 469, 5th A Abdullah Khalidha Avenue, Al Fateh 324, PO Box 31191 Behrain, **Also At : Mrs. Lakshmi Koch,** D/o Stafford Francies Koch, AAA Contracting WII O R No 479 15-B, P O Box, Kingdom Of Behrain 31191 **(Borrower/Mortgager) (2) Mr. Kenneth Mario Koch** S/o Stafford Francies Koch, No. 59, 4th Main Road, 3rd Cross, Balaji Nagar, D R C Post, Bangalore-560029. **(Co Applicant).**, Please refer the appended auction schedule for necessary details: -

Known Encumbrances (If any)	**Not known to the secured creditor. The unpaid charges towards electricity, maintenance, Tax etc. if any, as applicable**
Reserve Price (in Rs.)	**Rs. 28,80,000 /- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Eighty Thousand Only)**
Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.)	**Rs. 2,88,000 /- (Rupees Two Lakhs Eighty Eight Thousand Only) through DD/PO in favor of 'Axis Bank Ltd.' payable at Bangalore**
Bid Incremental Amount	**Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)**
Last Date, Time and Venue for Submission of Bids / Tender with EMD	**Till 03.02.2026 latest by 05:00 P.M. at Axis Bank Ltd,** # 45 Prestige Libra, 1st Floor, Regional Passport Office, Near: Urvashi Theatre, Lalbagh Road, Lalbagh, Bangalore–560 027. Addressed to **Mr. Raghunath**
Date, Time, and Venue for Public Auction	**On 04.02.2026, between 11.00 A.M and 12.00 Noon with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each at web portal https://www.bankeauctions.com e-auction tender documents containing e-auction bid form, declaration etc., are available on the website of the Service Provider as mentioned above**

Details of Mortgaged Property : SCHEDULE : All That Piece and Parcel Of the Flat No D1-002 D Block Land Mark Dreamz sy No 98 Singapura Village Yelahanka Hobli Hobli Bangalore measuring 940 sq ft and Bounded as follows : East by : Portion of Sy No 98, West by : Sy No 97, North by : Sy No 96, South by : Sy No 100.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the secured creditor's website i.e. https://www.axisbank.com/auction-retail and the Bank's approved service provider M/s C1 India Private Limited at their web portal https://www.bankeauctions.com

The auction will be conducted online through the Bank's approved service provider **M/s.C1 India Private Limited** at their web portal **https://www.bankeauctions.com.** For any other assistance, the intending bidders may contact **Mr. Raghunath at Axis Bank Ltd,** # 45 Prestige Libra, 1st Floor, Regional Passport Office, Near: Urvashi Theatre, Lalbagh Road, Lalbagh, Bangalore-560027 **(Mobile. No. 919886960484, Email ID: raghunath1@axisbank.com).**

This Notice should be considered as 15 Days' Notice to the Borrowers/Co-borrowers/ Guarantors under Rule 8 (6) & 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) (Amendment) Rules, 2002.

Date : 14.01.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **AXIS BANK LTD.,**

MAHAGENCO Maharashtra State Power Generation Co. Ltd.

MAHARASHTRA STATE POWER GENERATION CO. LTD.

CENTRAL PURCHASE AGENCY

'Prakashgad', 2nd Floor, Bandra (East), Mumbai-51

e-AUCTION NOTICE No.: CPA-01/2026

Notice for e-Auction sale of specific auxiliaries/ components / items of the decommissioned & retired Unit No. 7 - Koradi Thermal Power Station (210 MW) as a single lot

MAHAGENCO is looking for reputed, resourceful, financially strong & experienced firms willing to purchase the specific auxiliaries / components / items of the decommissioned & retired Unit No. 7 of 210 MW capacity at Koradi Thermal Power Station (installed in 1983 & in operation till 2021) by way of e-auction sale. This notice is for the e-auction sale process of the specific auxiliaries/ components/ items of decommissioned & retired Unit No. 7 at Koradi TPS as a single lot.

Basis of Disposal Sale	"As is Where is Basis", "As is Available Basis" & "No Complaint Basis"
Site Inspection	From 19.01.26 to 04.02.26 with prior approval from C.E., Koradi TPS (During official working hours)
Pre-Bid Earnest Money Deposit (Pre-Bid EMD)	**Rs. 2.50 crores** in the form of RTGS/ NEFT/ e-payment. No Interest will be paid on Pre-Bid EMD.
Last Date for payment of Pre-Bid EMD	04.02.26 upto 17.00 hrs (To be deposited to Auctioneer)
Date and Time of e-Auction	**05.02.26 from 11.00 Hrs to 15.00 Hrs with unlimited extensions.**
Key Contact Personnel & Contact details :	
Auctioneers for MSPGCL (for queries related to registration with e-auction portal, transfer of payments)	M/s. MSTC Ltd., Western Regional Office, N.S. Building, East Wing, 1st Floor, Civil Lines, Nagpur-440001 Tel: 022-22886261, Fax: 022-22845130. • Shri B.S. Pradhan (Dy. Gen. Manager), Mobile: 9903191469, e-mail: ngropn1@mstcindia.in
MSPGCL Koradi Thermal Power Station (for queries related to site visit, material lists, contract execution, deliveries, invoices)	Koradi Complex, Chhindwara Road, Koradi – 441 111. Phone No: (07109)-264863/69, 264993 (Extn: 1002), Fax No: (07109)-262127. e-Mail: (1) cegenkoradi@mahagenco.in (2) eauctionktps@mahagenco.in • Shri Dipak Mandape, E.E., Mobile: 9209437977 • Shri Sumeet Khobragade, E.E., Mobile: 9765408911
MSPGCL Corporate Office (for queries related to e-auction terms & conditions)	Office of the Dy.C.E. (SM), HDIL Towers, 'A' Wing, 4th Floor, A.K. Marg, Bandra (E), Mumbai-400051, Phone: 022 - 26580367, 26582847, Extn: 382, 319. e-Mail: dycesm@mahagenco.in • Shri R.B. Kushare, S.E., Mobile: 9819598898 • Shri S.H. Mane, E.E., Mobile: 9833520206

Detailed lists of items under scope and terms & conditions of e-auction are available on www.mstcindia.co.in , www.mstcecommerce.com

MAHAGENCO reserves the right to cancel / withdraw / postpone / reschedule this e-auction without assigning any reason for such decision.

Chief Engineer (CPA)

Rajasthan University of Veterinary and Animal Science (Jobner)
B2 Bypass & Shipra Path Red-Light Crossing, Mansarovar, Jaipur-302020 (Rajasthan)

No. :- F.3 ( )/RUVAS/Comp/Purch./2025-26/ Dated :-

"सूखे चारा" की दर-अनुबंध पर आपूर्ति हेतु ई-टेंडर सूचना संख्या-01

योग्य एवं फसल काटने वालो/किसानों/निर्माताओं/वितरकों से "विभिन्न प्रकार के सूखे चारो" की दर–अनुबंध और आपूर्ति के लिए ई–टेंडर आमंत्रित किए जाते हैं, जिसकी अनुमानित लागत 110.00 लाख रुपये है। टेंडर आवेदन 07–01–2026 से 28.01.2026 (शाम 5:00 बजे) तक जमा करने के लिए खुले रहेंगे और इसके बाद अगले दिन (29.01.2026) दोपहर 2:00 बजे से रुवास, (जोबनेर) जयपुर में टेंडर खोलने वाली समिति द्वारा बोलियां खोली जाएंगी।

टेंडर के लिए विस्तृत नियम और शर्तें राज्य खरीद पोर्टल **http://www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** वेबसाइट, ई–प्रोक पोर्टल **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in/** और विश्वविद्यालय वेबसाइट **https://ruvasjaipur.rajasthan.gov.in/** पर उपलब्ध हैं। फाइनेंस कम्पट्रोलर, रुवास, (जोबनेर) जयपुर को एक या अधिक टेंडर रद्द करने का अधिकार है। जो बोलियां अथवा टेंडर निर्धारित नियमों और शर्तों को पूरा नहीं करते हैं, या नियत तारीख के बाद जमा किए जाते हैं, उन्हें रद्द कर दिया जाएगा।

इस ई–टेंडर के लिए,UBN नंबर RVJ2526GLRC00012 है।

राज.संवाद/सी/25/17661 — **वित-नियंत्रक**

District Health and Family Welfare Office

K.N.T.B Sanatorium Hospital Campus, Bangarpet Road, Kolar - 563102

No:DHS/NHM/DFWO/BMWM/Kol/E-Proc/01/2025-26

Date: 12.01.2026

E-tender Announcement Date

Regarding the procurement through Karnataka transparency in public procurement act, KTPP 1999 rules 2000 for the Disposal and Management of Bio-medical Waste Generated in institution of department of health and family welfare kolar district for the year 2025-26 under the National Health Mission scheme in Kolar district **Website: www.eproc. karnataka.gov.com (1)** Tenderers shall submit tenders through the E-portal.Tenderers shall have the prescribed qualifications and experience in this regard. **(2)** Download and submit the tender documents online from **12.01.2026 to 27.01.2026 by 5:30pm. (3)** Tender application fee and EMD amount should be submitted through E-portal without fail. **(4)** Last date for uploading tender document through E-portal is **27.01.2026 by 5:30pm (5)** Further details are available in the tender documents and can be obtained and checked on the **website. www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and for further information, contact district family welfare officer at district, health and family welfare office, Kolar district during Office hours.

Sd/- District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Kolar District, Kolar

DIPR/KOLAR/R.O.NO:442/KSMCA/2025-26

BENGALURU NORTH CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division, MEI Layout, Bagalagunte, Bengaluru - 560 073.

No:BNCC/EE/DD/TEND/04/2025-26 **Date: 14-01-2026**

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
(TWO COVER SYSTEM)

(Through **GOK** KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** only)
The Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division, BNCC, Bengaluru invites tenders on behalf of the Commissioner from eligible Tenderers for the works detailed in the table below. (Standard Tender Document KW-3,4)

Sl No.	Name of the works
	For SC Category Works
1.	Improvements to Drains and Asphalting to Chikkasandra Road from Hesaraghatta Main Road to Chikkasandra Govt. School (Call-2) **Est. Cost: ₹.100.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.1,00,000/- through e- payment (NEFT)**
	For ST Category Works
2.	Resurfacing of Siddeshwara Layout Main Road and 20th Cross Bagalagunte Main Road to 10th Cross Defence Colony Main Road in Ward No.14, Dasarahalli Sub Division (Call-2) **Est. Cost: ₹.85.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.85,000/- through e- payment (NEFT)**
	For CAT-II A Works
3.	Resurfacing of RR Layout, Nisarga Layout and Surrounding area Selected Roads in Ward No.12, Shettihalli Sub Division (Call-2) **Est. Cost: ₹.150.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.1,50,000/- (1.00 lakh through e- payment (NEFT) balance ₹. 0.50 lakhs through BG/FDR, should be submit before opening of Technical bid)**

Calendar of Events: (1) Tenders must be submitted online through KPP portal on or before **27-01-2026** upto **4:00** pm.(2) Pre-bid meeting will be held on **23-01-2026** at **3:00** pm. (3) Last Date for uploading the filled proposals is **28-01-2026** upto **4:00** pm. (4) Date of Opening of Technical Bid on **29-01-2026** after **4:30** pm. (5) Date of Opening of Financial Bid After Approval of Technical Bid.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division, BNCC

PUBLIC NOTICE

THIS is to inform the General Public that the land in Sy. No.115, measuring 3 Acres, in Channasandra Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, is claimed by our client Sri. M.V. Muralidhar, S/o. Late P.Venkatanarasimhaiah, under a registered document dated 03.01.2019. The disputes in relation to the said matter is pending before the Hon'ble I Addl. Senior Civil Judge, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru in O.S No.852/2020. Any person/s entering into any agreement or transaction in relation to the aforesaid land or with the Legal Representatives of the deceased Muniraju M., namely; Smt. Shanthamma (Wife), Smt.Kavitha, Smt. Lakshmi, Smt.Shobha and Sri. Murthy M (children) or through any person acting through them would be doing so at their own risk and cost, during the pendency of the suit before the Hon'ble Court and will not affect, prejudice or bind the rights of our client or his possession in relation to the same.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of land in Sy.No.115, measuring to an extent of 3 Acres, Channasandra Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, bounded on: **East by :** Property of MVJ College of Engineering, **West by:** Property of Rinku Deshpande & Road, **North by:** Property of Rinku Deshpande, **South by:** Property of Alambic Glass Factory.

MR. ABHINAV RAMANAND KUMAR AND KUMAR, Advocates
3rd Floor, Central Chambers F - 113, 2nd Main Road, Gandhinagar, Bangalore-560 009.
Email:kumarandkumaradvocates@gmail.com
Date: 16.01.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that our client **Smt.Vidyashree N,** Aged about 34 years, D/o.Nagaraj G, Residing at No.6, 7th Cross Road, 8th Main Road, Vinayakanagar, Mysore – 570012, now at Bangalore, our client has lost sale deed dated 28/03/2005, registered as document No.BLN-1-60929/2004-05, Book-I, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore North District, in respect of property bearing Site No.24, formed in Sy No.42, old Gramatana Katha No.42, situated at Andrahalli Village, Yashawanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, Presently situated at Ward No.40- Doddabidarakallu, Municipal No.24, Vidyamanyanagar, 8th F 2 cross, Andrahalli, assigned with E Aasthi No.4465791133, measuring east to west 30 feet and north to south 40 feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq.ftwhich was handed over to our client by previous owner NaseemaKhanum. Our client has lost the sale deed in the BMTC Bus while traveling from Herohalli to Byadarahalli on 19/12/2025 around 7 am to 8 am. Though she had earlier lodged a Police Complaint on 19/12/2025, she could not get back the said document. She made all her efforts to trace the documents but failed to do so, now it is informing to general public that if anybody find the original Sale Deed dated 28/03/2005, may return the same immediately to the undersigned advocate or call on,who would be suitably rewarded.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.24, formed in Sy No.42, old Gramatana Katha No.42, situated at AndrahalliVillage, YashawanthpuraHobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, Presently situated at Ward No.40- Doddabidarakallu, Municipal No.24, Vidyamanyanagar, 8th F 2 cross, Andrahalli,assigned with E Aasthi No.4465791133, measuring east to west 30 feet and north to south 40 feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft and bounded on : East by :Site No.25. West by : Site No.23. North by : Road, South by : Site No.33.

For Shiva & Shiva
(N Shiva Kumar), Advocate/Partner
No: 11(Old No: 61), Shiva Krupa, 2nd Floor, 19th Main, 2nd Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010,
(Ph:23323131, Mob No. 98453 72484)
Place :Bangalore, Date:17/01/2026.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the General public that I **Smt. H.G. JALAJAKSHI,** W/o. S. Gowrishankara Swamy, presently residing at No.641, 12th Main Road, 46th 'A' Cross, 3rd Block, Rajajinagara, Bengaluru-560 010, submits that during the life my father Sri.H.Basappa S/o.Late. Veere Gowda, he had several ancestral properties through partition Judgment and Decree passed vide O.S No.33/1966, by the Honorable Civil Judge and the partition had been confirmed vide RA No.19/1968, at District Hassan. Judgment and Decree was amongst his family members and the copies, documents was with me and my father. On 25.12.2025, while I was travelling to Majestic from Rajajinagra I have lost the Certified copies of Judgment and Decree passed in O.S. No.33/1966, & RA No.19/1968. An E lost Report has been registered bearing No.2005378/2026 on 12/1/2026. Hence, the General public is hereby notified that, if any person got and found the said Certified copies of documents as above mentioned may be pleased to hand over the same to me. In fact, my present residential property No.641, 12th Main Road, 46th A' Cross, 3rd Block, Rajajinagara, Bengaluru-560 010 and Certified copies of Judgment and Decree in O.S No.33/1996 & RA No.19/1968 properties are not similar and not relevant each other.

H.G. JALAJAKSHI
Mob: 9986736357, 9986736358

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that, my client, Mrs. Ajitha Narayan, w/o. R. Narayan Pillai, having her address at Flat No. B-9, Model Terrace Apartment, 5th Main, Malleshpalya Main Road, N.T. Sandra Post, Bengaluru 560075, **had misplaced/lost her original property Sale Deed registered No.6102/1997-98 dated 08.09.1997 at Bangalore in,** during the transit of changing their residence in **Bangalore City** and a complaint has been registered on 30.12.2025 bearing Lost Report No. 1984301/2025 before the jurisdictional police. If any person finds this document may handover the same to the undersigned within a period of fifteen days (15 days). Any person, banks, financial institutions having any claim, title or interest in the property may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof in support of his/her or its claim. If no claim is lodged with me within a period of 15 days (FIFTEEN DAYS) from the date of publication it shall be deemed that all claims have been waived and be presumed that Mrs. Ajitha Narayan is having clear and marketable title to the Schedule Property.

Schedule of Property

All that piece and parcel of residential Flat No. B-9, Model Terrace Apartment, 5th Main, Malleshpalya Main Road, N.T. Sandra Post, Bengaluru 560075.

Sd/-
Priyanka Rao, Advocate,
SSA JURIS, Advocates and Solicitors
No. 105, #56, Centre Point, Residency Road, Bengaluru 560025
BANGALORE
DATED: 17.01.2026

AXIS BANK

Retail Lending and Payment Group (South Zonal Office/Branch): Axis Bank Ltd, # 45 Prestige Libra, 1st Floor, Regional Passport Office, Near: Urvashi Theatre, Lalbagh Road, Lalbagh, Bangalore-560 027.
Axis Bank Ltd., 3rd Floor, Gigaplex, NPC – 1, TTC Industrial Area, Mugalsan Road, Airoli, Navi Mumbai – 400 708. Registered Office: "Trishul", 3rd Floor Opp. Samartheshwar Temple Law Garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad – 380006.

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
Public notice for Sale/Auction of immovable properties {Under SARFAESI Act read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules}

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property is mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the **physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Secured Creditor will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is"** on **04.02.2026** for recovery of **Rs.67,30,935/- (Rupees Sixty Seven Lakhs Thirty Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Five Only) being the amount due as on 31.12.2025** with future interest and costs due to the secured creditor from **(1) Mrs. Shaila,** No 235/236, Ground Floor, 1st Main, 7th Cross, South Avenue Layout, Gottigere, Bangalore Karnataka 560083. **Also At:** Mrs. Shaila, Proprietor, SD Solution, No.235/236, Ground Floor, 1st Main, 7th Cross, South Avenue Layout, Gottigere, Bangalore-560083. **(Borrower / Mortgagor). (2) Mr. Praveen M S,** No 235/236, Ground Floor, 1st Main, 7th Cross, South Avenue Layout, Gottigere, Bangalore Karnataka 560083. **(Co-Applicant / Mortgagor)** Please refer the appended auction schedule for necessary details:-

Known Encumbrances (If any)	**NIL**
Reserve Price (in Rs.)	**Rs.33,21,000/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Twenty one Thousand Only)**
Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.)	**Rs.3,32,100/-(Rupees Three Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand and One Hundred Only) through DD/PO in favor of 'Axis Bank Ltd.' payable at Bangalore.**
Bid Incremental Amount	**Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only)**
Last Date, Time and Venue for Submission of Bids / Tender with EMD	**Till 03.02.2026 latest by 05:00 P.M.** at Axis Bank Ltd, # 45 Prestige Libra, 1st Floor, Regional Passport Office, Near: Urvashi Theatre, Lalbagh Road, Lalbagh, Bangalore-560027, Addressed to **Mr. Raghunath**
Date, Time, and Venue for Public Auction	**On 04.02.2026, between 11.00 A.M and 12.00 Noon** with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each at web portal **https://www.bankeauctions.com.** e-auction tender documents containing e-auction bid form, declaration etc., are available on the website of the Service Provider as mentioned above.

DETAILS OF MORTGAGED PROPERTIES: SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of land property No.42, kallubalu gram panchayath Katha,no480, formed out of sy No.97/1, 97/2, 107, 108/1,108/2 and 109, convered for the nonagriculyure residential purpose vide official memorandum bear No. ALN (AJ)SR /73/05-06 dtd:09.08.2006, layout plan approved by BMRDA anekal planning authority vide No. BMRDA/APA/LAO/ 44/2006-07, dated "02-01-2008, in the layout knows CLASSIC CHAMPAKADHAMA" situated at harappanahalli village, jigani hobli, Anekal Taluk, with internal network of roads, water supply piping underground sewerage Disposal system, with parks and civil amenity areas as per anekal planning authority norms (APA/BMRDA nors) super build up area 1255 Sq ft, 2BHK with one car parking area and undivided share amount 414.489(UDS), herein after called the SCHEDULE PROPERTY through a registered sale deed vide documents no BSK-1-06196-2012-13, Book-1, C.D. No.BSKD172 (Banashankari), Bangalore, purchases form Savitha.Tand Savitha T, purchased through M. Prabhankar Reddy, S/o. Late R. Ranagappa Reddy. East to West: 24 Meters -North to South (33.00+29.08)/2 Meters Total measuring :744.96 Sq Metres, And bounded as follows. East by site No.43, West by site No.41, North by; Road, South by: Private Property.

SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY : 414.489 Sqft, undivided share, right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in schedule "A" Property.

SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY : A residential apartment bearing flat No.GF-06, in ground floor, "CLASSIC CHAMPAKADHAMA" with super build up area 1255 Sq feet nd 414.489(USD) Sq.feet undivided share amount, build in Schedule A Property, consisting of 2 BHK house with attached bathroom, toilet with vitrified titles flooring and including one basement car parking and bounded by: East by : Ground floor No.GF-005, West by: open space, North by: Stair case, South by: open space.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the secured creditor's website i.e. https://www.axisbank.com/auction-retail and the Bank's approved service provider M/S C1 India Private Limited at their web portal https://www.bankeauctions.com

The auction will be conducted online through the Bank's approved service provider **M/s.C1 India Private Limited at their web portal https://www.bankeauctions.com.** For any other assistance, the intending bidders may contact **Mr. Raghunath & Mr. Karthick, at Axis Bank Ltd,** # 45 Prestige Libra, 1st Floor, Regional Passport Office, Near: Urvashi Theatre, Lalbagh Road, Lalbagh, Bangalore-560027 **(Mobile No. 91-9886960484 & 9080589635, Email ID: raghunath1@axisbank.com)**

This Notice should be considered as 15 Days' Notice to the Borrowers/ Co-borrowers/Guarantors under Rule 8 (6) & 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) (Amendment) Rules, 2002.

Date : 14.01.2026
Place: Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer
AXIS BANK LTD.,

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The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking
(OF THE BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA)

TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders is re-invited for the following items.

(1) 81057.

Note: For more details, log on to website **https://mahatenders.gov.in**

PRO/AAM(M)/109/2026 **GENERAL MANAGER**

BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED

Office of the Deputy General Manager-2, 1st Floor, BBMP Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanthnagar, Bengaluru - 560052.

No: DGM-2/BSWML/TEND/25/2025-26 **Date: 16-01-2026**

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

The Deputy General Manager-2, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) on behalf of the Managing Director, BSWML, Bengaluru invites tender from eligible Tenderers for the Operation and Maintenance Services for the works mentioned in the table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for Services through KPP Portal of the Government of Karnataka **(viz https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified is as per standard bid document. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (in Rupees)	Stipulated Period of Service Contract
1	Operation and Maintenance of 150 TPD Capacity Wet Waste Processing Plant Located at Lingadheeranahalli for a period of 24 Months. **(Call-3).**	**992.46**	**Rs. 1,00,000/-** through e-Payment under of the following i.e., Online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the Balance **Rs. 13,88,700/-** by Bank Guarantee / FDR issued by Nationalized / Scheduled Bank	**24 Months**

NOTE: **1)** The Employer shall not be liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the Tenderers of any tender updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the Tenderers. It is the Tenderer's responsibility to verify the KPP Portal for the latest information related to the tender, E-mail address of the Helpdesk is **hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com.** KPP Portal help desk Telephone Numbers are: **080-22371090 / 22373788.** The tenderer is required to ensure browser capability of the computer well in advance to the last date and time for receipt of the tenders. The employer shall not be responsible for non-accessibility of KPP Portal due to internet connectivity issues and technical glitches. **2)** Any Corrigendum / Addendum will be published in the KPP Portal only. **3) Calendar of events:**

Date of Pre Bid Meeting	**23-01-2026 at 15.00 Hours. at the office of CE & CGM (Tech), BSWML, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanthnagar, Bangalore-560052.**
Last Date for Submission of Bids	**04-02-2026 upto 16.00 Hours.**
Date of Opening of Technical Bid	**05-02-2026 at 16.30 Hours.**
Date of Opening of Financial Bid	**Will be notified to Technically Qualified Bidders.**

More details can be downloaded from Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Deputy General Manager-2
BSWML

DIPR/CP/5055/Adverto/2025-26

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RBL BANK LTD

Administrative Office: 1st Lane, Shahpuri, Kolhapur-416001.
Branch Office:- III Floor, Prestige Tower, 99 & 100, Residency Road, Bangalore-560025.

SECURITISATION NOTICE UNDER S. 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

We, **RBL Bank Limited** the secured creditor of Applicant & Co-Applicant mentioned in column no.2 below inform you all that your account has been classified as Non-performing Account in our accounts pursuant to your defaults in making payment/ repayment of principal and interest. An amount is now due and payable by you together with further interest thereon to **RBL Bank Ltd.** In spite of our repeated demands you have not paid the amount(s) outstanding in your account(s) and you have not discharged your liabilities. We, therefore, issued notice under section 13(2) of Chapter III of the securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 demanding payment of the above mentioned amounts together with further interest applicable at the contracted rates, costs, charges, other moneys to discharge your liabilities in full within **60 days** from the date of the notice.

Sl. No.	Name of Borrower, Loan Amount & Loan Account No.	Description of the property mortgaged	NPA Date & Amount O/s
1	**1) M/S. Optima Resources**, Rep By Its Prop: Mohammed Farhan Adamsab Shaik, No.267, Ist Floor, 3rd Cross, Chamrajpet, 4th Main, Bangalore-560018. **(Borrower) ..Address No.1, 2) Mr.Mohammed Farahan Adamsab Shaik**, A-6-904, Elita Promenade Vii Th Phase Jp Nagar, Bangalore-560078. **Also, At:** #17/1, I Floor, Ii Main Road, Iv Th Phase, Dollar Layout, Jp Nagar-560078. **Also, At:** #1, City Park Kusagal Road, Keshawapura Hubli-Hublidharwad, Karnataka-580023. **(Co-Borrower/ Mortgager) ...Address No. 2, 3. Mrs.Sabiha Thameen,** A-6-904, Elita Promenade, Vii Th Phase, Jp Nagar, Bangalore-560078. **(Co-Borrower)....Address No. 3.** **Loan Amount: Rs.3,53,50,000/- Loan Account No. 809002583036**	**Schedule of Property: Property Address: Property Address: 1:** All that piece and parcel of parcel of House bearing New No.17/1 in First Floor having 2196 Sq ft and 515 Sq ft total area of 2711.59 Sq ft of SBA along with 600 Sq ft of UDS for construction on Property bearing No.17 BDA site no.17 (Dollars Scheme, 4th Phase, Sarakki Bangalore), Situated at: 1st Main road, 4th Phase, Dollars layout, J.P.Nagar Bangalore now Presently comes under the limits of BBMP and **bounded on the: East by :** property No.48 **West by :** Road **North by:** property no.16 **South by:** property no.18. **Property Address:2:** All that piece and parcel of parcel of House bearing New no.17/2 in Second Floor having 2196 Sq ft and 515 Sq ft total area of 2711.59 Sq ft of SBA along with 600 Sq ft of UDS for construction on Property bearing No.17 BDA site no.17 (Dollars Scheme,4th Phase, Sarakki Bangalore), Situated at: 1st Main road, 4th Phase, Dollars layout, J.P Nagar Bangalore now Presently comes under the limits of BBMP and **bounded on the:East by:** property No.48 **West by:** Road **North by:** property no.16 **South by:** property no.18.	**NPA Date: 05-01-2026** **Total amount of Rs.2,89,04,210.02/-** **Outstanding due as on: 07.01.2026** **Demand Notice Date: 09-01-2026**
2	**1. Newgene Security Solutions LIP, Rep By Its Partner, Mr.Mohammed Farahan Adamsab Shaik,** Ground Floor,11/1, Khr House, Palace Road, Bangalore-560052. **Also At:**4th 14 Sjr Kalpana Mall Kempegowda Road, Beside Uco Bank Opp Janatha Bazar, Gandhi Nagar, Bengaluru Urba, Bengaluru-560009 Karnataka-India. **(Borrower), ...Address No. 1, 2. Mr.Mohammed Farahan Adamsab Shaik,** A-6-904, Elita Promenade Vii Th Phase Jp Nagar, Bangalore-560078. **Also At:**Property Muncipal No.12(Ocd), New No. 20&21, Kempegowda Road, Gandhi Nagar-560009. **Also, At:** #17/1, I Floor, Ii Main Road, IV Th Phase, Dollar Layout, Jp Nagar-560078. **Also, At:** #1, City Park Kusagal Road, Keshawapura Hubli-Hublidharwad, Karnataka-580023.**(Borrower, Co-Borrower/ Mortgager) ...Addressee No. 2, 3. Mr. Manjunath M Patil,** Ground Floor,11/1,Khr House, Palace Road, Bangalore-560052. **Also At:** Flat No.604-Altezza,Vi Floor, Block No.2,Tata Promont Apts, Hosakerehalli(V),Banashankri-560085. **(Co-Borrower) ......Addressee No. 3, 4. Mrs.Sabiha Thameen,** A-6-904, Elita Promenade, Vii Th Phase, Jp Nagar, Bangalore-560078. **(Co-Borrower) ..Addressee No. 4.** **Loan Amount: Rs.79,67,426/- & Rs.1,92,00,000/- Loan Account No. 809003333869 & 809003322788**	**Schedule of Property: SCHEDULE"A" PROPERTY:** All that piece and Parcel of the Flat No.804-ALTURA on 8th floor, in block-01 complex known as "PROMONT" having 2018 Sq ft carpet area equivalent to 187.48 sq meters (1843.99 sq ft of Rera carpet area) and 280.939 sq meters (3024 Sq ft) saleable SBA along with 1061.42 Sq ft of UDS for construction on property bearing Sy no.168 (old no.7) Municipal Khatha No.824/7/168, Situated at: Hosajerehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now presently comes under the Limits of BBMP and **bounded on the: East by :** Partly by road, partly by Sy No.157, 158. **West by:** Road, **North by :** Land Sy No.7 **South by:** Arehalli village boundary, **SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY (DETAILS OF UNDIVIDED SHARE) :** An undivided Share equivalent to 1061.42 Sq.Ft (98.61 Sq.Mtrs), in the land comprised in the Schedule A Property. **SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY:** A Four (4) Bedroom marble flooring Apartment bearing Flat No. 804-ALTURA, on the 8th Floor situated in Block NO.1 of the Apartment Complex known as "PROMONT" constructed in the Schedule Property having a 2018 sq. ft. carpet area equivalent to 187.48 sq. mtrs, (1843.99 sq ft of RERA carpet area) and 280.939 sq mtrs (3024 sq.ft) salable super built up area, which is inclusive of balconies and utility space, floors, ceiling and walls between the apartments and common areas attributable thereto, together with allotment of two (2) covered car parking space.The property belongs to **MR.MOHAMMED FARAHAN ADAMSAB SHAIK.**	**NPA Date: 06-01-2026** **Total amount of Rs. 2,57,69,281/-** **Outstanding due as on: 07.01-2026** **Demand Notice Date: 09.01.2026**

Now the authorized officer of **RBL Bank Ltd.** do hereby publish the contents of the above demand notice as provided under the Rules for discharge your liabilities in full, failing which, we shall, without any further reference, be constrained to enforce the following security created by you in our favour by exercising any or all the rights given under the said Act. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **RBL Bank** against the borrower and the guarantors of the said financial under law. You are further requested to note that as per section13(13) of the said Act, you are restrained/prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of above secured asset, without our prior written consent.

Place: Bangalore, Date: 17-01-2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, RBL BANK LTD.**

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE, U.R. RAO SATELLITE CENTRE
CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP
HAL Airport Road, Bengaluru - 560 017 (Phone: 080 25084184, 4156)

BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE

Sl. No	Description	Details		
1	Name of work	Providing Fencing and Paver Blocks for High Speed Diesel (HSD) Storage Yard near Substation -2 at ISITE Campus, URSC, Marathahalli, Bengaluru.	Providing and Erecting Modular Partitions Workstations at Various Locations at Main Campus, URSC, Vimanapura, Bengaluru.	Modification to Audio & Video Studio at Main Building, Main Campus, URSC – Civil Work including Acoustic & Lighting Design.
2	E-Tender Notice No.	URSC/C&MG/C/M/32/2025-26, Dt.16/01/2026	URSC/C&MG/C/M/33/2025-26, Dt.16/01/2026	URSC/C&MG/C/M/34/2025-26, Dt.16/01/2026
3	Estimated cost put to Tender	₹ 24.00 Lakhs	₹ 23.57 Lakhs	₹ 13.28 Lakhs
4	Period of completion	Three Months	Twelve Months	Four Months
5	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**₹ 48,000/- valid for 180 days**	**₹ 47,140/- valid for 180 days**	**₹ 26,560.00/- valid for 180 days**

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**.

Sd/-
Group Director, C&MG, URSC

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX-IV-A[See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) Mortgagor(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **02.02.2026 "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of below mentioned accounts. The details of Borrowe/s/ Mortgagor/s/ and Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below –

Sl. No.	Name & address of Borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and Guarantor/ s	Detailed Description of the Immovable Property with known encumbrances, if any (Owner/Mortgagor name : Mrs. Sri Beereshwara Enterprises)	A. Branch Name B. Account Number C. Total Dues	Date & Time of E-Auction	A. Reserve Price, B. EMD Amount C. Bid Increase Amount	Status of Possession	Property Inspection Date And Time (with Prior Permission From Authorised Officer)
1 2.	**Sri Beereswara Enterprises,** Through Its Proprietor: **Mr. Shanthakumar K C** S/o Sri Chikkahemagiriyappa, No E41, Kambipura East Side, Kumbalgudu Post, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore 560060 **Mrs. Manjula K C** W/o Mr. Shanthakumar K C (Guarantor) No E41, Kambipura East Side, Kumbalgudu Post, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore 560060	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearing Vacant Site No. 2171, In A Layout Formed By The Bda, Situated At 4th "b" Block, Banashankari, 6th Stage, Bengaluru, Measuring East To West 12.00 Meters And North To South 18.00 Meters, Totally Measuring 216.00 Square Meters And Bounded By: East: Site No. 2172, West: Site No. 2170 North: BDA Property, South: Road **Known Encumbrances: Nil**	**A.** ROSAR Branch **B.** 59310500000260 Dues: Rs.83,34,373/- 59310600001380 Dues:Rs.78,935/- **C.**Total Dues: Rs.84,13,308/- As On **10.01.2026** And With Further Interest Theron At The Contractual Rate From **11.01.2026** Plus Costs Charges And Expenses Till Date Of Payment	**02.02.2026** From 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM	**A.** Reserve Price Rs.1,13,72,400/- **B.** EMD Amount Rs.11,37,240/- **C.**Bid Increase Amount Rs.25,000 /-	Vacant-plot Symbolic Possession	After 17.01.2026

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Date:16.01.2026 **Place:- Bengaluru** **Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda**

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1.	**1.SRI V NARAYANAMURTHY 2.MRS. S DAMAYANTHI W/O V N SARAVANAN 3.MRS. S DAMAYANTHI** # F 17, 3rd Cross, Brahmananda Mutt Street Ramachandrapuram , Bangalore-560021 **4.V N SARAVANAN S/O SRI V NARAYANAMURTHY 5.MRS. J N VIJAYA W/O SRI V NARAYANAMURTHY No. 1,2,4 & 5 ate at** : #214, 3rd D Lane, 3rd Stage, 2nd Block, Judge Colony, Basaveswarnagar, Bangalore - 560079.	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing No 553, municipal No 553/2, 7th Cross, Rajajinagar 3rd Stage, Prakash Nagar, Bangalore measuring East to West 30 ft and North to South 50+51/2 ft consisting of building with 4500sqft and bounded on the **East By :** Property No 552, **West By:** Property No 554,**North By:** Road,**South By:** Property No 562. **Owner of the Property 1.V NARAYANAMURTHY, 2.MRS. S DAMAYANTHI 3. V N SARAVANAN 4. MRS. J N VIJAYA**	**Rs. 72,86,401.78** as on **15.01.2026** plus further interest and cost thereon	**a) ₹ 290.00 b) ₹ 29.00 c) ₹ 1,00,000.00**
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EDITORIAL

In Iran, every stone carries a story, and every story carries the weight of centuries — Nader Ebrahimi

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— Ramnath Goenka

ENHANCE CREDIBILITY OF DATA WHILE RELEASING NEW MACRO INDICATORS

INDIA'S key macroeconomic indicators are getting a major face-lift. From February, the government will roll out new data series for retail inflation and GDP, followed by a revised Index of Industrial Production (IIP) series in May. While the Consumer Price Index will use 2024 as the base year, the new GDP and IIP series will use 2022-23. Importantly, the items used to calculate the CPI and their weights will be revamped, while labour market indicators and government accounts releases will come with shorter lags.

Helpfully, a new Annual Survey of Service Sector Enterprises will be undertaken to measure the informal sector's output, apart from an Index of Service Production to gauge overall economic activity. All these revisions are a significant step towards providing accurate and credible data, which is essential to improve policymaking and economic planning. Good data also helps investors, analysts and global institutions assess India's economy precisely, enhancing transparency.

All these changes come in the backdrop of the IMF's stern observations, which gave India's national accounts a C grade and outlined the aspects that need an overhaul. Foremost among them is the outdated base year used to measure GDP. It is standard practice worldwide to revise the base year every five years. India, however, revises it once a decade, risking underestimation. Likewise, it uses wholesale price indices, heavily weighted towards commodities, as the price deflator, ignoring services. Further, informal sector activity is not measured directly but is instead imputed, assuming that its growth mirrors that of large industries. There are also sizeable discrepancies between the production and expenditure sides of GDP estimation, the absence of seasonally adjusted data, and insufficient granularity on investments. The government, however, disagrees with the IMF's findings, pointing out that some economies with inferior data practices received a better overall score than India.

Above all, there is an intense debate about data accuracy and methodology. In 2015, when the GDP series was last revised, real growth stood at 7.1 per cent even as other high-frequency indicators were flashing red, sparking concerns about data credibility. The government must ensure accurate data estimation, adopt a five-year base revision cycle, and release seasonally adjusted GDP and CPI series. These are essential to distinguish a genuine economic slowdown from a predictable seasonal dip, and to reassert India's commitment to credible and transparent data.

DON'T DICTATE BIZ MODEL TO COVER GOVT DEFICIENCIES

A business model that failed across the world has taken off in India for both commendable and worrying reasons. Quick commerce—doorstep delivery in 10 minutes—accounts for almost three-fourths of India's e-grocery orders and a tenth of the e-retail market. It testifies to India Inc's ability to evolve a technology-driven business at a mass scale. But this burgeoning ecosystem, which is expected to employ more than 3 crore Indians by 2030, has resulted in a human cost that workers are increasingly unwilling to pay. After gig workers' unions called for nationwide strikes near the end of 2025 to draw attention to their poor working conditions, low pay and lack of redress, the Indian government asked q-comm platforms to drop the 10-minute pledge. While platforms like Zepto, Swiggy and Flipkart duly toed the line, this bit of knee-jerk policymaking begs the question whether the government should dictate business models or focus on ensuring safety and fair wages for workers.

The 10-minute delivery model flourished in India not just as a byproduct of Covid-era lockdowns, when customers got habituated to receiving goods in the comfort of their homes. Now they are understandably loath to venture out into our nightmarish cityscapes, with pollution, traffic snarlups and terrible roads—so they accept with both hands as business solves a problem left by government. But the very existence of a vast army of jobless youth—desperate, atomised, bereft of the power of collective bargaining—is a sign of policy failure too. Low labour cost is what made the business model profitable. The new labour codes are up for public consultation just in time.

Solutions must address all sides, without killing the business. Local governments must ensure 'dark stores', or neighbourhood warehouses, are licensed. Shorter delivery equals safer logistics. Rash driving is a national problem; the delivery worker, often a new entrant at the bottom of the pyramid, should not be unduly penalised. Consumers too could wean themselves off the 10-minute delivery miracle for most purchases—except for medicines and the like. Aggregators can help by offering larger discounts for slower portage. The perils of 10-minute deliveries must be mitigated with a number of actions, but dictating business models to companies should not be one of them.

QUICK TAKE

BE KIND, REWIND

A disturbing incident that has gone viral on social media should make us wonder whether the glue of kindness that keeps India together is coming unstuck where it matters most. Ritesh Kumar, a 13-year-old boy also called Golu, was out for tuition in Jhaijhat village in Bihar's Sitamarhi district when he was struck by a goods carrier. Rather than helping the teenager, the people of this small village swarmed the street to make away with the fish that had spilled over. The vehicle was seized, but not before Golu died. This is a country where the kindness of strangers has saved innumerable lives. But we must pause to ponder whether the hustle of modern life is robbing us of humanity towards our neighbours.

Decades of covert ops have led to this tense moment in the Islamic Republic. If the regime is toppled, India will be strategically strained on more than one front

WHEN DUST SETTLES ON THE SHADOW WAR WAGED IN IRAN

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WHAT began as protests against soaring inflation and currency collapse across Iranian cities on December 28 quickly evolved into broader political demands, including calls for reform and, in some quarters, regime change. As confrontations escalated and lives were lost, it posed the most serious challenge to the Islamic Republic since the 1979 revolution.

Donald Trump's response was characteristically forceful. He posted that the US was "locked and loaded", should Iranian security forces continue killing protesters. Behind the rhetoric, however, lies a more calculated posture: Washington has reinforced its naval presence in the region, imposed new punitive tariffs on governments engaging with Tehran and kept the option of military intervention conspicuously on the table.

The central question confronting regional and global powers is about the consequences that would follow if the long-running pressure campaign—combining economic sanctions, domestic unrest and Israel's two-decades-long shadow war—ultimately succeeds in toppling the Islamic Republic. While Tehran has survived repeated crises, the convergence of pressures in 2025-26 marks a departure.

By December 2025, the US dollar had surged to nearly 145,000 Iranian tomans, inflation stood at 42.2 percent, food prices had risen 72 percent, and healthcare costs by 50 percent from the previous year. Compounding these pressures was Iran's declining regional influence following the collapse of the Assad regime in Syria.

Unlike the uprisings of 2009, 2019, and 2022, the current protests are broader in both geography and social composition. They extend well beyond the major cities into smaller towns and rural areas, and they draw participation from students, workers, women and ethnic minorities—suggesting deeper structural discontent.

Amid this, it is essential to understand the systematic campaign that helped prepare the ground for regime destabilisation: a multi-decade covert effort by Israel's Mossad. This campaign has served twin objectives—degrading Iran's strategic capabilities while reinforcing its portrayal in Western narratives as an inherently unstable and dangerous state, all under the cloak of plausible deniability.

"Mossad has treated Iran like its playground for years," observed Holly Dagres, a senior fellow at the Washington Institute.

The campaign that began in earnest in 2007 with the assassination of nuclear physicist Ardeshir Hosseinpour has expanded through targeted killings, cyber-attacks and infrastructure sabotage. In June 2025, Iranian authorities announced the dismantling of several Mossad-linked sabotage networks. State television aired footage showing intelligence officers intercepting trucks carrying advanced drones through Tehran.

What distinguishes 2025-26 is also the transition from covert conflict to overt confrontation. Iranian security agencies presented what they described as tangible evidence of foreign-directed subversion, including televised confessions from alleged Mossad operatives detailing recruitment through social media by handlers based in Europe. These recruits were reportedly instructed to procure equipment, attend protests, chant specific slogans and transmit the footage abroad.

By the time Trump threatened intervention earlier this month, the groundwork had been laid. Over two decades, the shadow war has humiliated Iranian institutions, amplified internal fractures and cultivated a global narrative of regime incompetence and brutality.

Against this backdrop, Trump warned that the US could strike Iran at "levels they've never been hit before" if the protests were violently suppressed. His remarks followed the dramatic US abduction of Venezuela's deposed president Nicolás Maduro—an episode closely watched in Tehran as a signal of Washington's willingness to act. On January 12, the Trump administration announced 25 percent tariffs on any government continuing commercial engagement with Iran.

The collapse of the Islamic Republic would represent more than a regime change. It would complete a historic arc that began in 1979, potentially restoring Iran to a role aligned with the US's strategic interests after nearly half a century of hostility.

Before the revolution, Iran under Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi was Washington's principal regional ally—a bulwark against Soviet influence and radical Arab nationalism. Under the Nixon Doctrine, the Shah functioned as America's regional policeman, supported by vast oil revenues and deep intelligence cooperation. US and allied monitoring stations in Iran provided critical data on Soviet missile capabilities, making Tehran one of Washington's most valuable partners outside Nato.

Under the dynamics today, India emerges as one of the most affected—but least discussed—stakeholders. For New Delhi, Iran is not merely an energy supplier or diplomatic partner. Chabahar Port, Iran's only deep-sea port with direct access to the Indian Ocean, offers India strategic access to Afghanistan and Central Asia while bypassing Pakistan. It shortens supply routes by thousands of kilometres and underpins the International North-South Transport Corridor linking India to Russia and Europe.

More ominously, fragmentation along ethnic lines could place Chabahar—located in restive Sistan-Baluchistan—at risk, potentially undoing India's investments. A post-regime Iran aligned more closely with Washington might deprioritise India, while China—already entrenched at Pakistan's nearby Gwadar Port—could expand its influence.

Perhaps the most overlooked is the diaspora dimension. Nearly 97 lakh of India's overseas citizens reside in Gulf Cooperation Council states, generating close to 40 percent of India's remittance inflows. Any regional upheaval would place these communities—and India's economic lifelines—at risk.

New Delhi, thus, faces a profound strategic dilemma. Washington's campaign to isolate Tehran has repeatedly collided with India's regional interests. Sanction waivers for Iranian oil imports were withdrawn in 2019 and the new 25 percent tariff on those trading with Iran threatens to heighten India's burden to unprecedented levels.

While some US analysts privately acknowledge that India will retain limited engagement with Iran—particularly over Chabahar—they also recognise that any vacuum left by India will be filled by China. Yet, India's constrained ability to balance these pressures reflects a shrinking geopolitical manoeuvring space.

As protesters risk their lives on Iran's streets and Washington escalates its threats, one reality stands out: the fall of Iran's regime would not mark an ending, but the beginning of a far more volatile chapter whose consequences will reverberate across West Asia and beyond for decades.

(Views are personal)

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COLOURING THE BUDGET GREEN

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REVERSE SWING

TIME was when November was one of the most pleasant months in Delhi, with just the whiff of winter in a city of extreme weathers. Not anymore. Foul air has replaced the aroma of roasted peanuts and chhole bhature as conversation starters in the national capital. Citizens have traded their old Celsius talk for a new set of numbers to moan about. Today, the air quality index regularly announced on TV triggers sighs and protests.

Environmental issues have clearly hit India's political mainstream. Public protests erupted not only on the AQI that reached hazardous levels, but also on a new height-based definition of the Aravalli hills, sparking fears of illegal mining and environmental harm and forcing the government to backtrack despite a qualified Supreme Court sanction. A furore over water contamination deaths in Indore, showcased as India's cleanest municipal zone, followed.

The environment ministry faced howls as the new year dawned after it amended guidelines to allow forest zones to have commercial plantations by private entities. The death of environment crusader Madhav Gadgil rang a sombre note on the importance of sustainability.

As Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman meets various interest groups to craft her annual budget for the new financial year, it is time to ask if environmental outcomes should be highlighted in the budgetary numbers so that we can take note of what the government is doing (or not) for sustainability in the world's most populous and fastest-growing economy.

'Green budgeting' is unheard of in India despite decades of avowed political commitment to environmental issues. It tracks fiscal revenues and expenditure allocations by focusing on schemes and measures that affect the environment and sustainability. For starters, it is a sound way to measure public commitment to environmental goals. The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development has been promoting green budgeting since 2017, when it launched the Paris Collaborative at its One Planet Summit.

Historically, progressive economists in India have been monitoring health, education and gender issues addressed and outlays allocated as part of their toothcombing of budgetary measures. Such a focused analysis is much needed. But such an effort can invite trouble. The prestigious Delhi School of Economics courted controversy a few weeks ago as the Delhi University's academic panel objected to its syllabus on 'Economics of Gender' that covered some historical and ideological issues.

Green budgeting may face similar pitfalls. But there has to be a beginning. Nearly 80 years after independence, India has seen two long spells of economic vision covering roughly 40 years each. The first four decades were a lot about socialist planning and government control, while the following years have seen an obsession with macroeconomic stability and its attendant points: inflation, interest rates and GDP growth. Both these worldviews have unconsciously sidestepped the environmental side effects of growth.

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As environmental issues like pollution, the devastation of Aravalli hills and hazardous water supply hit the headlines, it's time to focus on green budgeting. We must know the budget schemes' footprint on ecology. Development need not be divorced from sustainability

We are now looking at a scenario in which one kind of positive numbers results in an unfocused set of negative ones. An agricultural boom in some areas leads to the hazardous burning of stubble. Automobiles driven by a growing middle class result in traffic jams. Mountains of unregulated plastic and other waste pollute the air and water of our cities. The data centres powering the artificial intelligence boom currently under way will also leave a massive environmental footprint because of its humongous energy needs.

Green budgeting should hopefully connect the dots between the highs and lows of the growth story so that we can frame laws and spend taxpayers' money that speak to a sustainable future. A beginning has been made in public consciousness over vehicle choice and use of public transport. But waste management, recycling and regulation of various economic activities that lead to unplanned urban growth need to be more formally analysed and integrated into policy-making.

Over the years, I have observed two peculiar intellectual obstacles in the path to green budgeting. On the one hand, a typical environmental expert talks little about money and how it influences human behaviour. On the other, growth-obsessed economists and industrialists routinely view environmental concerns as obstructionist. During the UPA years that preceded the current NDA rule, environment ministers ran into controversies over both obstruction and approvals for projects. Sustainable growth is a tricky subject that requires a connected view on various goals. But what we have had so far are people talking on growth and sustainability in separate silos.

Fortunately, new technologies and studies suggest that growth talk and green thinking can be more supportive of each other than previously assumed. That might help us do a reverse swing to a greener India that balances wealth and jobs, too.

The Council on Energy, Environment and Water, an independent think-tank, said in a recent study that India could attract as much as $4.1 trillion in investments and create 48 million jobs across emerging 'green value chains' by 2047.

There is a parallel concern that conversations on the environment are often captured by business lobbies that try to focus on profitable capital-intensive projects rather than the welfare of ordinary people or environmental results. As they say, outlays need to be matched to outcomes. Let's begin with this budget.

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Gate-checking merit

Ref: *Address vacancies* (Jan 16). Dilution of merit and the irrational opening of higher medical education floodgates is tantamount to snuffing out lives. Medicine is a people-centric profession built not just on trust, but also on the acquired skills of doctors.
Dr Biju C Mathew, Thiruvananthapuram

Don't compromise

The persistent issues undermine merit-based admissions. The pattern of high-stakes exams leading to disproportionate stress and potential compromises in quality intake calls for policy review. Measures such as revised marking norms, transparent seat requirements, extended counselling timelines and safeguards against malpractices would align better with goals.
Anand Jewoor, Kalaburagi

Probe limitations

Ref: *Sabarimala probe* (Jan 16). One can't look away from the fact that the special investigation team constituted by the high court comprises Kerala police personnel and could face pressure from the state's home ministry upon their return to regular duties. An unfair and bounded probe will not be able to address the moot issues.
Balachandran Nair P K, Pathanamthitta

Doctor shortage

Ref: *Growing need to heal the world as one family* (Jan 16). While outmigration from lower income countries has disrupted the balance, a priority must be given to the rural-urban doctors' ratio disparity. Only an equitable distribution of health workforce can achieve the 'health for all' goal.
George Jacob, Kochi

Mamata's roles

Ref: *How Mamata reset the narrative* (Jan 16). The question is not of narratives that matter; it's of constitutional obligations, judicial supremacy and rule of law. It's irrational and quite indefensible to create an atmosphere to suggest that she can choose to play the head of a state and the leader of a political party when it suits her.
Jitendranath Guru, Padampur

Post's propriety

Ref: *Apex court issues notice* (Jan 16). There may be some allowance of concession in the case of politicians not holding constitutional posts when their protest turns anarchic, but Mamata Banerjee holds the chief ministerial post. Also, preventing central agencies from discharging their assigned duties is not palatable and is outrageous.
H P Murali, Bengaluru

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Sanjay Jha @JhaSanjay
If they truly want to restore the SS glory, can Shinde patch up with the Thackeray's even now? With the Congress chipping in, the BJP can still be in the opposition.

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
The BJP, in its obsession with benefiting its cronies and associates, is crushing every single shopkeeper and household in Kashi's Dal Mandi.

Amit Malviya @amitmalviya
Bengal is not a fiefdom. We are not subjects. It is time to rise, to roar, and to reject this tyranny of incompetence. Power resides with the people.

India, Japan unveil roadmap for economic security, strategic ties

EAM, his Japanese counterpart discuss supply chains, critical minerals for semiconductors

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

IN a move to burnish their "Special Strategic and Global Partnership," India and Japan on Friday launched a major partnership on economic security along with traditional cooperation and strategic alliance.

During the strategic dialogue in New Delhi, External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar and Japanese Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi unveiled two landmark initiatives: a Working Group on Critical Minerals and a formal mechanism for economic security.

Emphasising that the era of economic complacency is over, EAM Jaishankar framed economic security as the bedrock of modern sovereignty and global stability.

"Economic Security today is particularly paramount. I think both our countries attach enormous importance to it, and how to de-risk our own economies, and how to de-risk the international economy are both very important. So, we will be discussing resilient supply chains, critical minerals, how to address energy, health, and maritime security in our talks today," Jaishankar said.

NEW INITIATIVES

- Under the Economic Security Initiative, both sides will convene the private sector dialogue to enhance public-private cooperation in the field of economic security. The second round of the Economic Security Dialogue led by Foreign Secy and Japan Vice Minister will be held in the first half of 2026
- In order to give a coherent push to engagement in AI, both sides launched the AI Dialogue to be led by the Foreign Ministries at the JS-DG level
- To advance cooperation in rare earth elements and critical minerals, both sides decided to convene the JWG on Critical Minerals in early 2026

The dialogue focused on building resilient supply chains to shield both nations from "uncertain international economic environments." The new Working Group on Critical Minerals is expected to secure the rare-earth elements essential for semiconductors and green energy—sectors where both nations seek to reduce dependence on single-source global suppliers. Both sides also decided to step up their cooperation on Artificial Intelligence. Toshihiro Kitamura, the Japanese Foreign Ministry spokesperson, confirmed that Japan plans to export the UNICORN integrated stealth antenna system to India for use on Naval vessels.

The UNICORN system is a sophisticated piece of hardware that integrates multiple communication functions into a single, streamlined mast, significantly reducing a ship's radar signature. This move marks a significant step forward in defense technology transfer between the two nations. He also spoke about both sides cooperating on North East.

"We are leading democracies, we are the major economies of the world, and we have today not just an opportunity, but also an obligation, a duty to shape the global order," Jaishankar said. He also pointed out that the convergence between the two nations now stretches from the Philippines to West Asia, reflecting shared interests in energy and maritime security.

Looking ahead, the ministers also talked about next marking the 75th anniversary of diplomatic ties between India and Japan, an occasion they intend to celebrate in a "fitting manner" as their partnership continues its upward trajectory.

While the bilateral talks were comprehensive, Kitamura noted that there were "no concrete talks" regarding the timing of the next Quad summit.

Talking to US on Chabahar port amid Iran tariff: India

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

Shia Muslims hold a demonstration in Srinagar on Friday in support of the Islamic Republic of Iran, which is in turmoil amid deadly protests | PTI

NAVIGATING a high-stakes diplomatic tightrope with US President Donald Trump's latest trade offensive threatens to collide with New Delhi's long-term strategic interests in Iran, New Delhi said it remains in touch with Washington.

"As you are aware, on 28 October 2025, the US Department of Treasury had issued a letter outlining the guidance on the conditional sanctions waiver valid till 26 April 2026. We remain engaged with the US side in working out this arrangement," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said while answering questions on the future of the Chabahar Port, just days after the White House announced a sweeping 25% tariff on any nation doing business with the Islamic Republic.

The core of the Indian concern now lies in a time-bound sanctions waiver for the strategically vital Chabahar Port. While the US Department of the Treasury issued guidance on a conditional waiver on October 28, 2025, that protection is set to expire on April 26, 2026.

The Chabahar port is India's gateway to landlocked Afghanistan and Central Asia, bypassing Pakistan. In 2024, India solidified its presence by signing a landmark 10-year agreement to operate the terminal, moving away from precarious annual renewals that had hampered the project for years.

However, the diplomatic calculations became more complex on January 12, when President Trump declared on social media that a 25% tariff would be applied to any and all business being done with the US by countries trading with Iran.

For India, the trade stakes are clear. The bilateral trade with Iran currently stands at $1.6 billion, with Indian exports—largely rice and pharmaceuticals—accounting for $1.2 billion of that total.

New Delhi is leaning on the "long-standing partnership" it shares with Tehran. India has historically used Chabahar for humanitarian ends, such as shipping 20,000 tonnes of wheat aid to Afghanistan in 2023 and supplying environmentally friendly pesticides to Iran in 2021. India is also stepping up the ties with Afghanistan as New Delhi works on maintaining its regional influence despite the wider sanctions regime.

As the April 2026 deadline nears, India's challenge will be to convince Trump administration that Chabahar is not an aberration in the sanctions regime, but a vital tool for regional stability and a necessary alternative for Afghanistan.

Nominations for BJP prez on Jan 19, result next day; Nabin likely to be named

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE BJP on Friday released the schedule for the election of the party's national president amid speculation that working national president Nitin Nabin is likely to be elected for the post unopposed.

The nomination for the election of the party chief can be filed between 2 pm and 4 pm on January 19 and the nominations can be withdrawn by the candidates between 5 pm and 6 pm the same day, according to the notification issued by BJP national returning officer K Laxman Laxman. "The scrutiny of the documents of the candidates' nomination papers will be carried out between 4 pm and 5 pm on January 19," the notification said.

The polling will be held "if needed" on January 20 and an official announcement of the name of the new elected BJP national president will be made on the same day, said Laxman, who is also a BJP Rajya Sabha MP and the national president of the party's OBC Morcha. The entire poll process will be held at the party headquarters.

According to party sources, Nitin Nabin is most likely to be elected unopposed as the party chief as it is unlikely that any other party leader will enter the fray. "Nabin is likely to replace JP Nadda as BJP's president, with the party's top leadership, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, backing Nabin's candidature," said a senior party leader aware of the development. However, organisational election formalities will be completed in keeping with established party tradition, the leader said.

Nadda was first appointed BJP national working president in June 2019 and later elected unopposed as the national president on January 20, 2020, succeeding Shah.

At 45, Nabin is regarded as a sharp political strategist with a reputation for working in a neutral and balanced manner.

Defence Procurement Board nod to 114 Rafale multirole fighter project

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

A proposal to acquire 114 Rafale fighter jets from French manufacturer Dassault Aviation was on Friday given the go-ahead by the Defence Procurement Board chaired by Defence Secretary RK Singh, sources said.

The proposal will now be placed before the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. The final approval will be required from the Cabinet Committee on Security, headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

After the final clearance, the IAF will get 114 Rafale aircraft under the medium multi-role fighter aircraft (MRFA) project with access to the required source codes pertaining the weapon integration and communication pairing with the fighters of the other country of origin, said the sources.

What went in favour of these maritime fighters is that the IAF has already acquired 36 Rafale fighters. The commonality of the fleet and the resultant savings on training, repairs and maintenance have reportedly tilted the scale in favour of Dassault's Rafale Marine (M), 26 of which are being procured for the Indian Navy's aircraft carrier combat operations, a source said.

"The project once kicks off will accrue multiple benefits in terms of cost-rationalisation, logistical ease as the maintenance, repair and overhaul facility (MRO) will be set up for MRFA," the source added. "Also, revenue will be saved as it will not involve expenditure in terms of foreign currency required for the MRO services," the source added.

This newspaper reported on Friday, "The transfer of source code will be a non-negotiable condition in the IAF's upcoming contract for 114 multi-role fighter aircraft (MRFA)." Sources emphasised that the new jets will be able to integrate indigenous weapons as required and maintain seamless communication with aircraft of foreign origin, ensuring full interoperability.

"The access to the source code is not only for the present aircraft but also for the future acquisitions to integrate weapons as per force requirements," a source said. "There won't be any need for the French help with the integration of weapons along with seamless connectivity with other aircraft, even if from a different manufacturer," the source said.

The medium-category fighters are expected to complement the IAF's Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) fleet and the future Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA), with budget provisions for existing programmes already secured. Sources stressed that MRFA induction will not affect other projects.

SC seeks Karisma's reply on plea for copy of divorce settlement with Sunjay

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court has sought the response of Bollywood actress Karisma Kapoor on the petition of Priya Sachdev Kapur, who has sought a certified copy of the divorce settlement between their late husband Sunjay Kapur and Karisma arrived at in 2016 in the top court.

Priya, the widow of industrialist Sunjay Kapur, is fighting a legal battle in the Delhi High Court that involves Karisma's children and Sunjay's mother. In September last year, Karisma's two children had moved the high court seeking share in their late father Sunjay's assets and challenged his March 21, 2025, will, which purportedly leaves his entire personal estate to their step-mother Priya.

Senior advocate Maninder Singh, appearing for Priya, told the Supreme Court on Friday that his client was the legally wedded wife of Sunjay and a direct legal heir of the deceased industrialist. She has sought certified copies of the complete record of Transfer Petition (Civil) No. 214 of 2016, which arose from Sunjay's divorce proceedings with Karisma.

According to Priya's plea, access to the confidential court records was required for use in pending succession proceedings before the Delhi High Court and to safeguard her legal rights in relation to Sunjay's estate. The application states that her request is bona fide and directly connected to the determination of succession and inheritance issues.

However, Karisma's counsel opposed the plea, describing it as frivolous and an attempt to access personal and confidential information of Karisma and her children. The top court directed Karisma to place her objections on record within two weeks and agreed to hear the matter further after receiving the response.

Speaker recalls legacy of democratic dialogues

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

DEMOCRATIC institutions can remain strong and relevant when they are transparent, inclusive, responsive and accountable to people, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said on Friday.

Birla was delivering the valedictory address at the 28th Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth (CSPOC) which began with a formal inauguration by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday and concluded on Friday.

Birla, who chaired the event, said, "Democratic institutions can remain strong and relevant when they are transparent, inclusive, responsive and accountable to people".

He noted that the CSPOC renewed its commitment to making democratic institutions more people-centric.

On the emerging world order in a democratic way, the Speaker said that technology inclusion and global partnership would shape the new world order. He then handed over the chairmanship of the next CSPOC to the Sir Lindsay Hoyle, Speaker of the UK House of Commons, and wished him success for the next CSPOC in London.

He observed that transparency fosters public trust by ensuring openness in decision-making, while inclusivity guarantees that every voice—especially those on the margins—is heard and respected in the democratic process. "Together, these principles sustain the legitimacy of democratic institutions and strengthen the enduring bond between the citizen and the State", he remarked.

Recalling the vision behind the establishment of the CSPOC 56 years ago, Birla said that the Conference was conceived to ensure continuous dialogue among democratic legislatures of the Commonwealth and to explore new ways of enhancing parliamentary efficiency and responsiveness.

He stated that the 28th CSPOC had carried this legacy forward with renewed vigour and substance. The unprecedented participation of the largest number of countries in the history of the CSPOC was highlighted by the Speaker as a defining feature of the Conference. "This wide and inclusive representation would ensure that the New Delhi Conference is remembered as a significant milestone in the history of Commonwealth Parliamentary cooperation", he said.

Birla acknowledged the presence of the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Chairperson of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and expressed sincere thanks to the Vice-President.

Conference conceived for legislative communication

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In a 1st, R-Day parade this year to showcase how battles are fought

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

BRINGING a sense of the battlefield to Kartavya Path, Republic Day 2026 will transform India's ceremonial boulevard into a dynamic display of how the armed forces operate in real combat conditions. In a significant departure from tradition, missiles, artillery systems and soldiers will move not as static showpieces but in formations that mirror battlefield deployment, offering spectators an immersive view of modern military sequencing.

At the heart of the parade is a new "phased battle array formation", under which key Army assets will roll out in operational order. Reconnaissance elements will lead the column, followed by logistics units and combat platforms, with troops moving alongside in full battle gear.

Defence Secretary R K Singh, briefing reporters at South Block, said the 77th Republic Day celebrations will see "many firsts this time". He said key indigenous assets would advance in sequence, beginning with reconnaissance elements, followed by logistics and other supporting units. Soldiers accompanying the platforms will be in full battle gear. "The aerial component will also be shown in battle array formation," he added.

Cutting across the boulevard will be some of the country's most formidable indigenous systems, including the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile, Akash air defence system, Medium Range Surface-to-Air Missile, Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System, Dhanush artillery gun and Shaktiban, alongside a static display of select drones.

Overhead, the spectacle will extend into the skies. The flypast will feature frontline fighters and support aircraft flying in coordinated formations. Rafale and Su-30 fighters will share the airspace with MiG-29s, P-8I maritime patrol aircraft, Apache attack helicopters, Light Combat Helicopters, Advanced Light Helicopters, Mi-17 transport helicopters, and heavy lifters such as the C-130 and C-295.

Alongside the firepower will be 18 marching contingents, 13 military bands, animal units, and the debut appearance of the newly raised Bhairav light commando battalion.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and European Council President Antonio Costa will be the chief guests.

PM E-BUS SEWA

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Friday called on Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar at New Delhi and urged him to provide special relaxations for hill states under the PM e-Bus Sewa Scheme.

1 HELD FOR SEXUALLY ABUSING HIS 2 GIRLS IN JODHPUR

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	27	14	Mumbai	28	23
Bhopal	26	10	Panaji	32	20
Jaipur	23	11	Patna	17	09
Amritsar	12	06	Lucknow	18	09
Chennai	28	21	Port Blair	28	24
Kolkata	23	14	Imphal	22	10
Srinagar	09	-3	Chandigarh	17	09

Uncertain future ahead of Maha dynasts

PAWARS' POWER PLAY FAILS TO MAKE ANY IMPACT EVEN AT TURF

Twin defeats signal a jolt to the dynastic politics of the Pawars

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The number of corporators the two Pawar parties could secure in state

No good sign for a merger

The Pawars decided to test the waters for the merger with the alliance in civic polls. However, the results are not encouraging

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE results of civic body elections in Maharashtra have come as a big blow to seasoned state stalwart Sharad Pawar and his nephew Ajit Pawar, who were planning to merge their respective factions of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and emerge as a consolidated force against the dominance of the BJP. However, they have lost Pune and Pimpri Chinchwad corporations, which were known as bastions of the Pawars, badly to the BJP.

The Pawars decided to test the waters for the merger with the alliance in these civic polls. However, the results are not encouraging for them. In Pune, the BJP secured a landslide victory with 123 seats out of 165, while the Ajit Pawar's NCP won only 21 seats, while the Sharad Pawar-led faction won merely three seats. The Congress, the ally of the Sharad Pawar faction in the state and national elections, performed much better by securing 16 seats. In the Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation election also, the NCP lost badly, where the BJP secured 86 seats, while Ajit Pawar's NCP got 37 and his uncle drew a zero.

The twin defeats signal a big jolt to the dynastic politics of the Pawars, which was replicated throughout the state. In the prestigious battle of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, Ajit Pawar could get only two corporators elected, while Sharad Pawar could manage only one.

In hindsight, the Pawar family coming together for the civic polls seems to be a mistake, through which both the uncle and the nephew have lost their bargaining power. While Sharad Pawar stands to lose his hold in the INDIA bloc, whenever he seeks to revive it for any future elections, the nephew stands to lose immediately. It can be expected that in the coming days, state Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis will also start giving less importance to Ajit Pawar and continue to expand his party base in the NCP bastion, even if it antagonises Ajit Pawar.

During the campaign, Ajit Pawar had tried to outsmart the BJP by making several freebies to voters, such as free bus and metro services, but the voters of Pune and Pimpri Chinchwad did not buy the promises. What this means is that if he tries to go with the BJP for the 2029 state polls, the BJP will definitely drive a hard bargain.

On the other hand, Sharad's move has jeopardised the future of his daughter Supriya Sule, who is a Lok Sabha MP, who may find it difficult to revive the party at the grassroots on her own, or even with the help of the power of her cousin Ajit.

MATOSHREE LOSES SHEEN, THACKERAYS' WRIT FALLS FLAT

Mumbai was always central to what the Thackerays stood for

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The no. of corporators Shiv Sena (UBT) & MNS could manage out of 2,869 in state

A legacy in crisis

The Thackeray legacy is in a crisis of mortality now, since Uddhav has tried everything from left to right

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

ON Friday, when Bengaluru Central MP P C Mohan posted on X "Ordered some rasmalai. #BMCResults", it was a sweet dig at the firebrand Mumbai leader Raj Thackeray in the fight for civic polls in Maharashtra that had turned bitter and personal between Raj and Tamil Nadu BJP leader K Annamalai. Raj had ridiculed Annamalai by addressing him with consonance "rasmalai".

Raj must have waited for the Friday counting of the state-wide corporation results with anticipation of engineering another of his umpteenth attempts at political revival. However, the day turned out to be one of his many disappointments. At the time of going to the press, his Maharashtra Navnirman Sena had scored a paltry 17 victories and leads in 2,869 wards in Maharashtra. Nine of these results are from Mumbai, where he managed to convince cousin Uddhav to drop the Congress for an alliance with him and contest on the parochial principle of Marathi manoos.

Mumbai was always central to everything that the Thackeray cousins stood for. Whenever the Shiv Sena made a serious bid at state leadership, Mumbai was the launch pad. Right from the days of Bal Thackeray, or even before that, when the senior Thackeray's father Prabodhankar Thackeray became a big leader of the Samyukta Maharashtra movement, which sought a separate state for Marathi-speaking people, it was always about Bombay or Mumbai.

The BJP of Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Lal Krishna Advani couldn't imagine a future in the city, or the state, without an alliance with the Sena.

However, the BJP is finally warming up to the idea of having its own mayor in the city, even as Uddhav is nowhere close to being a spent force. His is not the single largest party in the BMC anymore. With 67 corporators—at the time of going to press—his is the second largest, just 20 behind the BJP in the 227-member house. His appeal among the city's Marathi voters stays intact, but his grip over the city's power structures seems to have loosened to the point of no return, since the opponent is a new BJP under Devendra Fadnavis.

The Thackeray legacy is in a crisis of mortality now, since Uddhav has tried everything from the left to the right, from the Marathi pride to the Hindu pride, from the family appeal to the city appeal. With cousin Raj reduced to dust, Uddhav stands alone, abandoned by ideology, rejected by Realpolitik, & ignored by money power.

SC rejects Justice Varma's plea against probe panel

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

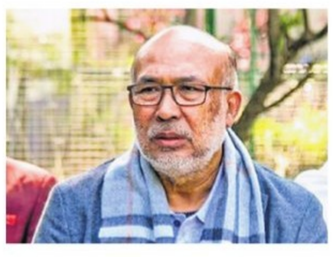
THE Supreme Court on Friday dismissed Allahabad High Court judge Yashwant Varma's plea challenging the Lok Sabha Speaker's decision to admit an impeachment motion and the validity of a panel set up to inquire corruption charges against him.

Justice Varma was repatriated from the Delhi High Court to the Allahabad High Court after burnt wads of currency notes were found within his Delhi residence compound on March 14.

A bench of Justices Dipankar Datta and Satish Chandra Sharma said "constitutional safeguards for judges cannot come at the cost of paralysing the removal process itself," and added there is nothing in the Inquiry Act to suggest that rejection of a motion in one House would render the other House incompetent to proceed in accordance with law.

Biren in Delhi, likely to meet BJP leaders for govt formation

MUKESH RANJAN AND PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ New Delhi/Guwahati



AMID speculations that the Centre is exploring to form a government in ethnic-violence-hit Manipur, former chief minister N Biren Singh has arrived in Delhi and is expected to meet top functionaries of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

The state has been under President's rule since mid-February 2025. Talking to the media outside the Imphal airport on Friday, Singh said, "Centre will take action very soon." Sources said Singh was called by the BJP central leadership.

Singh, who has come with party's state unit chief president A Sharda Devi, is likely to meet top BJP leadership including Union Home Minister Amit Shah during his stay in Delhi. Sources in the BJP said the meeting with the central leadership of the party is likely to be held on Saturday and will focus on the possibility of installing an elected government in Manipur.

There has been no major incident of violence for a long time in the state, triggering a perception that the Centre will not extend President's rule. It was imposed on February 13 last year after Singh stepped down a day before his government was to face a no-confidence motion. Later, it was extended for another six months from August 13. Last month, BJP's central leadership had convened a meeting with party's Manipur MLAs, including some from the Kuki-Zo community. Anticipating government formation, the Kuki-Zo community set conditions for participation in it.

Cong firms up plan for Assam poll campaign

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE Congress on Friday said that the state leadership in Assam would hit the ground running from January 21 for Assembly polls expected in April.

After a strategy meeting with the party chief Mallikarjun Kharge and senior party leaders, including Rahul Gandhi, in New Delhi, Congress senior observer Bhupesh Baghel said that it had stepped up preparations for the state polls, with the party finalising its campaign road map after consultations with the central leadership.

"As part of the plan, the party will hold its first press conference in Guwahati on January 20, after which a series of organisational meetings will be conducted across the state from January 21 to 28," he said.

Besides party senior observers Baghel, DK Shivakumar and Bandhu Tirkey, Congress general secretary (Organisation) KC Venugopal, Assam party president Gaurav Gogoi and AICC general secretary incharge Jitendra Singh and other state leaders were also present in the meeting, which was held at Kharge's Rajaji Marg residence in Delhi.

Setback to Soren as HC stays police probe into FIR against ED officials

Security for ED

The HC also ordered the deployment of CRPF/BSF personnel or paramilitary force for security of ED officials

HCs are generally slow in granting interim protection at initial stage of an FIR. However, in cases like this one, it can't remain a mute spectator.

Jharkhand HC

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

IN yet another setback to the Hemant Soren government, the Jharkhand High Court on Friday stayed the probe against officials of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) initiated by the state police in a case of alleged assault.

The court relief for the ED comes after the probe agency moved the HC on Thursday for a CBI inquiry into the matter and the quashing of the FIR. The police collected CCTV footage from the ED office and grilled the Central agency's officials earlier that day.

Justice Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, while hearing the writ petition filed by the ED, directed the central agency to make the Union home secretary a party to the case. The court also ordered the Union home secretary to depute CRPF/BSF personnel or any other paramilitary force to provide security to the ED office and its officers. The HC further directed Ranchi SSP Rakesh Ranjan to ensure adequate security for the ED office.

"The high courts are generally slow in granting interim protection at the initial stage of an FIR. However, in cases like the present one brought before this court, it cannot remain a mute spectator," the court observed.

The case stemmed from a complaint by a former state government employee, Santosh Kumar, who is an accused in the water supply scam. He claimed that he was thrashed by ED officials during his interrogation. A resident of Upper Chutia in Ranchi, he accused ED Assistant Director (II) Prateek and his assistant Shubham of assaulting him and destroying evidence.

DEHRADUN DIARY

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Minister's hubby flayed over 'shameful' remarks

The political temperature in Uttarakhand has spiked following controversial remarks made by Girdhari Lal Sahu, husband of Women and Child Development Minister Rekha Arya. Opposition parties and social groups are protesting, demanding strict action against Sahu. Visiting Almora, Union Minister Ajay Tamta strongly condemned the statement, which he called "extremely unfortunate and condemnable." Tamta distanced the ruling party, stating, "Sahu is neither affiliated with the BJP nor is he related to this state." "Such statements only serve to defame society," Tamta concluded.

Past decade 'golden chapter' for sports: CM

CM Pushkar Singh Dhami recently termed the past decade a "golden chapter" for Indian sports. He was inaugurating the National Paralympic Powerlifting Championship virtually. Addressing the event in Roorkee, Dhami highlighted landmark achievements, including India's 29 medals at the Paris Paralympics and the Women's Blind Cricket team's World Cup victory. He praised paralympians like Murlikant Petkar and Deepa Malik, stating that "New India plays to win." The CM credited PM Modi's policies and the increased sports budget for this transformation. He also noted Uttarakhand's progress toward becoming a national "Land of Sports."

Stricter punishment in boarding school abuse

A sessions court has significantly increased the sentence for Shakti Singh, convicted in a 2011 case involving sexual assault of a 13-year-old boy at a city boarding school. Initially sentenced to two years imprisonment by a lower court on September 11, 2023, the punishment was enhanced to seven years of rigorous imprisonment. The fine imposed on Singh was also raised from ₹10,000 to ₹15,000, with an additional three months' jail for non-payment. The prosecution argued that the initial sentence was too lenient considering the gravity of the crime against a minor and the staff member's breach of trust. The court ordered the convict to surrender by January 29.

POWER OF WORDS

The Ayodhya Alliance — where myth meets modern power

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

MASTER-storyteller Ashwin Sanghi spoke about his latest thriller – 'The Ayodhya Alliance' -- at the Jaipur Literature Festival (JLF). In the thriller, Sanghi, a writer of historical fiction, has ventured into the space that combines mythology, history, science, and geopolitics.

He imagines a world in which a long-forgotten technology—hidden in the sacred geography of Ayodhya—holds the power to reshape the destiny of humanity. In a conversation with author Shunali Khullar Shroff, he revealed that at the heart of the novel are two unlikely allies: Aditya Pillai, a sharp-minded Indian industrialist, and Somi Kim, a brilliant South Korean technocrat. Their journey takes them far beyond borders and belief systems, tracing a mysterious thread that links Ayodhya to Kailash, Rome, Thailand, and Korea. A search for ancient knowledge spirals into a global conspiracy that blurs the lines between faith, power, and modern ambition.

Sanghi recalled an incident that captured the essence of his latest book. While travelling, he asked his driver to stop at a temple in Kolkata. The structure revealed little at first glance. Outside, a child stood holding a plate with offerings. Inside, Sanghi was startled to learn that the shrine was dedicated not to a deity but to Bollywood superstar Amitabh Bachchan. The unexpected encounter, he said, felt like an adventure. In Sanghi's universe, the past shapes the present, waiting for the seekers to unlock its power.

Ashwin Sanghi in conversation with Shunali Khullar Shroff | EXPRESS

'Writing begins in memory, in pain, in hope'

ADITHI REENA AJITH @ Jaipur

WRITING does not begin on the page. It begins in the body — in life experience, in memory, in pain, in hope. I wrote because something within me refused to accept that these lives were meant to remain invisible," said International Booker Prize winner Banu Mushtaq during her keynote address, which marked the opening of the 19th edition of the Jaipur Literature Festival on January 15.

Mushtaq noted that her writing is shaped by an attempt to understand the world around her — much like many others who have lived in spaces marked by inequality, violence, and silence. Literature, she argued, resists power differently.

In a conversation with Moutushi Mukherjee (right), Banu Mushtaq talks about Heartlamp, life after Booker Prize, and what lies ahead for her | EXPRESS

In a conversation with Moutushi Mukherjee, presented by The New Indian Express, Mushtaq spoke about Heartlamp, life after the Booker, and what lies ahead. The veteran Kannada writer, advocate, and activist recently won the International Booker Prize for Heartlamp, a collection of short stories translated from Kannada by writer Deepa Bhasthi.

Mushtaq shared an anecdote known to those following her journey—losing her entire baggage while in transit to London for the award ceremony. When she posted about it on Facebook, thousands responded — not with sympathy, but with a single message. "All of them said, forget about the luggage, madam, but please bring the Booker," she recalled.

Despite the accolades, Mushtaq admitted that the past year has left her little space to write. Constant travel — between airports, road journeys, and public conversations — has made sustained creative work difficult. "At the most, I write one or two poems while waiting in an airport lounge." Projects begun before the Booker, including her autobiography, remain paused midway. Completing it is now her first priority, followed by her seventh Kannada short story collection and a second English collection, both currently in progress.

The conversation also turned to what Heartlamp's win means for writers working in India's vernacular languages. "Younger writers have awakened," she said, before adding, "or rather, more than the writers, their parents have awakened. They want to shape the younger generation as writers."

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I have entered into a sale agreement dated 24.12.2025 with the owners, Sri. Ramesh K.N and other, which is registered as document No. DBP-1-12619-2025-26, in Book-1, registered in the office of Sub-Registrar Doddaballapura, towards purchase of land bearing Sy.No.3/2, measuring 1 Acre 08 Guntas, Situated at Kadukunte Village, Salulu Hobli, Doddaballapura and bounded on:

East by : K.L. Muniraju and Srirama Reddy Land; West by : Veerathimmaiah Land; North by : Road; South by: Shanubog Inthai and Doddamalaiah Land

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This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that my client **M/s Amoga Builder,** having Office at No.52/53, Kudlu Gate, Venkateshwar Layout, AECS 'A' Block, Kudlu Main Road, Bengaluru, represented by its Partners Mr.Ananda, Mr.M.Devarajulu Naidu, Mr.Prakash Naidu, have entered into a registered **Joint Development Agreement dated 17.04.2024** is registered as Document No.BGR-1-00457-2024-25, in Book-1, dated 19.04.2024, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Beguru, Bangalore, with **Sri.Lohit.S @ Lohit Shetty Raju S/o Sri.Shetty Raju,** residing at No.45, Kasturi Nivasa, 7th Main, 19th C Cross, BTM 2nd Stage, N.S.Palya, Bangalore South, Bengaluru-560 076, that any person/s, individual, institution, authorities, having any objections for the execution of the Joint Development Agreement or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the schedule property is hereby called upon to file their objections/ claims whatsoever along with documentary proof within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate with documentary proof, failing which, my client shall proceed to develop the schedule property as per the Joint Development Agreement dated 17.04.2024 in respect of the schedule property with the above stated person. My client shall not be liable or answerable for any claim put after the expiry of the aforesaid period.

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No. BSWML/DGM-3/ Tend/20/Corr/1/25-26 Date:16-01-2026

CORRIGENDUM- 01

Sub: Extension of Calendar of Events for the tender. **Ref:** This office Tender Notification No.DGM-3/BSWML/TEND/20/2025-26 Date: 13.01.2026
As per the above subject and reference, the calendar of events for the above notification is extended due to Administrative and Technical reasons.

Sl. No.	Description	As per tender notification	Extended dates to be read as
1	Date of Pre bid meeting	17.01.2026 at 15:00 hours	21.01.2026 at 15:00 hours
2	Last date of Submission of bids in KPP Portal	22.01.2026 before 16:00 hrs.	27.01.2026 before 16:00 hrs.
3	The Technical Bid Opening date in KPP Portal	23.01.2026 after 16:30 hrs.	28.01.2026 after 16:30 hrs.

For Further details visit GOK KPP portal Website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

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Deputy General Manager-3, BSWML

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This is to inform to the general public, that my client Sri Chetan Prakash Tayal, S/o Late Nand Kishore, Residing at No.66, Fortune Valley, No.13, Dasarahally Main Road, Mariyanapalya, Bangalore-560024 has lost the Original Registered Sale Deeds bearing No.MYN-1- 12284/2006-07 dt:21.07.2006 and MYN-1-28404/2006-07 dt:24.02.2007 both registered in the office of the SRO at Mysore North, pertaining to the below mentioned Schedule properties.

The said documents are not in possession of my client and in this regard a Police Complaint was lodged on 13.01.2026. Whosoever is in possession of the same are hereby requested to hand over to the below mentioned address within 10 days of the Publication. If any one deals with the said documents on the schedule property shall be doing so at his/her or their own risk and the consequences shall not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the **property Sy.No.119/2, measuring an extent of 0-17 guntas,** of Harohally Village, Varuna Hobli, Mysore Taluk, Mysore District. East by : Land belongs to Marimadaiah, West by : Land belongs to Jogaiah, North by Land belongs to Mastaiah Chikkananjaiah, and South by : Land belongs to Pattemodi Javaraiah.

All that piece and parcel of the **property Sy.No.134/2 measuring an extent of 0-16 guntas,** of Harohally Village, Varuna Hobli, Mysore Taluk, Mysore District East by : Land belongs to Marimadiah, West by : Land belongs to Jogaiah, North by Land belongs to Mastaiah, and South by : Land belongs to Pattemodi Javariah.

All that piece and parcel of the **property Sy.No.134/3 measuring an extent of 0-17guntas,** of Harohally Village, Varuna Hobli, Mysore Taluk, Mysore District. East by : Land belongs to Marimadiah, West by : Land belongs to Jogaiah, North by Land belongs to Mastaiah, and South by : Land belongs to Pattemodi Javaraiah.

Sd/- Mrs Anandhi
Advocate
No.300, 3rd Floor, Gold Tower, No.50, Residency Road, Bangalore-560025. Mobile No.8095595914. Office:080-40608100.

ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಾನಸಿಕ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ನರವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ,

DHARWAD INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND NEURO SCIENCES

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ಸಂ:ಡಿಮ್ಹಾನ್ಸ್/ಸರಬ/64/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 16–01–2026

ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

(ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ)

2025–26ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷದ ಅವಧಿಯ ವರೆಗೆ **ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಾನಸಿಕ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ನರವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ (ಡಿಮ್ಹಾನ್ಸ್), ಧಾರವಾಡಕ್ಕೆ** ಅವಶ್ಯಕವಿರುವ: **SUPPLY OF DRUGS** ಅರ್ಹ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಂದ ದ್ವಿ–ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ಮೂಲಕ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಎಲ್ಲಾ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಬಿಡ್ ನಂ: **DME/2024-25/IND1982** ಅರ್ಜಿಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಇನ್ನುಳಿದ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/–ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಡಿಮ್ಹಾನ್ಸ
ಧಾರವಾಡ

ಡಿಐಪಿಆರ್/ಧಾರವಾಡ/1108/ಮಣಿಪಾಲ್/2025–26

Can Fin Homes Ltd

(Sponsor: CANARA BANK) HOME LOANS @ 8.15% ONWARDS

KORAMANGALA BRANCH

586, 2nd Floor, 80ft Rd, 8th Block,
Near Police Station, Opp. Bethany School
Koramangala, Bangalore-560095
koramangala@canfinhomes.com
Tel: 080-41112879, Mob:7625079131/7625079457
CIN: L85110KA1987PLC008699

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
[proviso to rule 8(6)]

E-Auction SALE NOTICE for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Koramangala Branch, will be sold by holding E-Auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **25.02.2026,** for recovery of **Rs.4510781/-** (Rupees Fourty Five lakhTen Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty One Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Mr.Motla Krishnakanth and Mrs. Amaravathi G N (Borrowers)and Mr. Babu H(Guarantor),** as on 16/01/2026, together with further interest and other charges thereon.

The reserve price will be **Rs. 86,00,000/-** (Rupees Eighty Six Lakhs Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.8,60,000/-** (Rupees Eight Lakh Sxity Thousand Only)

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of immovable residential property bearing Site No.52, Kahtha No.73/1/23, situated at SONNATHAMMANAHALLI @ Thambuchetty Palya, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, measuring East to West 45Ft and North to South 30 Ft in total 1350 Sq.Ft. And bounded onEast by : 25 feet Wide Road, West by : K T Venkatappa's Property, North by: Site No.53 & South by: Site No.51.

Known Encumbrances if any : NIL

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (www.canfinhomes.com) please refer to the following link https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx
Link for participating in e-auction : www.bankeauctionwizard.com

Place: Bangalore
Date: 16.01.2026

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.,

PUBLIC NOTICE

I **Bhavya Kurup Jayakumari Divakara Kurup,** daughter of Jayakumari Divakara Kurup, residing at Tharaveedu, Adinadu South, Kattilkadavu P.O, Karunagappally, Kollam, Kerala, India, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that in my educational records/ documents, my name has been recorded as **Bhavya Kurup J D.**

I hereby declare that **Bhavya Kurup Jayakumari Divakara Kurup** and **Bhavya Kurup J D** are one and the same person. Henceforth, I shall be known and identified for all purposes by my legal name, **Bhavya Kurup Jayakumari Divakara Kurup.**

Date: 16/01/2026, Place: Bengaluru

HASSAN CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS SOCIETIES UNION LIMITED

P.B. NO. 120, INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, B.M.ROAD, HASSAN –573201
PH NO : 08172-295436 FAX: 08172-240640
E-mail Address: purchase.hamul@gmail.com

IFT NO.HCMU/PUR/ EPROC/ 5078 /2025-26 DATE:12/01/2026

INVITATION FOR E TENDER(IFT)
TECHNICAL CUM COMMERCIAL TENDER

HAMUL invites E-Procurement tender for 1) Supply of SSG/CSH/ Equivalent verities of Seeds. 2) Quantity & EMD amount: as per bid notification available in e-portal.3) Last date for submission of tender:31.01.2026 up to 5.00 PM. 4) Technical bid opening: 02.02.2026 at 11.00 AM. 5) Address for communication: Deputy Manager (Purchase) at the above address. 6) Tender document may be downloaded from website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/. Tender No: KMF/ 2025-26/IND1917

Sd/-
MANAGING DIRECTOR

Government of Karnataka

KARNATAKA EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY

Sampige Road, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru – 560 012.
Website:http://cetonline.karnataka.gov.in/kea/ e-mail: keauthority-ka@nic.in

No. :ED/KEA/ADMN/CR-04/2026-27 **Date: 16-01-2026**

NOTIFICATION

ADMISSION TO PROFESSIONAL COURSES IN THE STATE OF KARNATAKA FOR THE YEAR - 2026

As per Rule 3, Rule 6(3) & Rule 7 of *Karnataka Selection of Candidates for Admission to Government seats in Professional Educational Institutions Rules 2006 (Amendments)* and pursuant to the directions of the Government, Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) is inviting applications from the eligible Karnataka candidates for ***"Common Entrance Test-2026"*** for the purpose of determining the eligibility / merit, for admission to the First year or First semester of full time courses for Government share of seats in Engineering, Bachelor of Yoga and Naturopathy (BNYS), B.Sc. (Nursing), Bachelor of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry (B.V.Sc. & A.H.),Farm Science courses i.e., [i.e., B.Sc. (Hons) Agriculture, B.Sc. (Hons) Sericulture, B.Sc. (Hons) Horticulture, B.Sc (Hons) Forestry, B.Tech (Bio-Technology), B.Sc.(Hons) Community Science, B.Tech (Agricultural Engineering), B.Tech (Food Technology), B.Tech (D. Tech), B.F.Sc (Fisheries), B.Sc. (Hons) Agri. Business Management] B. Pharma, Pharma-D, 2nd year B-Pharma (Lateral Entry) courses in Government / University / Private Aided / Private Un-Aided Professional Educational Institutions in the State of Karnataka for the academic year 2026-27 as per the seat matrix to be notified by Government.

1. In order to become eligible to obtain admission through KEA to the above mentioned professional courses, a candidate must register for ***CET-2026,*** fill the application through online, pay the application fees, download the admission ticket and appear for the Common Entrance Test-2026 conducted by KEA, Bangalore. *Online application is an application-cum-verification module. Hence, the candidates are advised to fill all the details carefully. After submission of application, details of the claims "Claim Certificate" will be printed.*
2. After confirmation of the prescribed seven years of study (including 10th class or 2nd PUC/12th class) for eligibility to Government seats under Eligibility Clause-a, the status "Successfully Verified" will be mentioned in the Claim Certificate. Such candidates will be able to print the CET-2026 application form from their candidate portal. These candidates are not required to visit any office or college for document verification. After the declaration of the CET-2026 results, the verification slip will be made available for download.
3. Candidate who claims eligibility clause-a, and Claimed reservation for having studied (a) 10 full academic years in Kannada medium from 1st standard to 10th standard; (b) 10 full academic years in rural areas from 1st standard to 10th standard; (c) 10 years from 1st standard to 12th standard for Tulu, Tamil, Telugu, Kodava Linguistic Minority reservation; or (d) Religious Minority (Muslim / Christian) reservation; for these candidates, after submitting the application only the claim slip will be downloaded in the first instance, (Claimed Verified OR Claimed not verified OR not Claimed" will be printed on the Claims Certificate) and at this stage, there is no provision to print the application. These candidates should get their documents verified by submitting all the documents at the college where they are presently studying or in any Government college. After verifying in the respective college, the candidates will be allowed to log in to the portal and print the CET-2026 application form.
4. Details of Subjects to appear in CET-2026 for various Professional Courses.

Sl. No.	For Admission to 1st Year	Subjects to appear in CET-2026
i	Engineering / Technology courses	Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics (PCM)
ii	Farm Science courses i.e., [i.e., B.Sc. (Hons) Agriculture, B.Sc. (Hons) Sericulture, B.Sc. (Hons) Horticulture, B.Sc (Hons) Forestry, B.Tech (Bio-Technology), B.Sc.(Hons) Community Science, B.Tech (Agricultural Engineering), B.Tech (Food Technology), B.Tech (D. Tech), B.F.Sc (Fisheries), B.Sc. (Hons) Agri. Business Management]	Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Biology (PCMB)
iii	Bachelor of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry, Naturopathy & Yoga and B.Sc. (Nursing)	Physics, Chemistry, Biology (PCB)
iv	B-Pharma, 2nd Year B. Pharma, Pharma-D	PCM or PCB

5. **CANDIDATES TO APPEAR ENTRANCE EXAM FOR OTHER COURSES - 2026**

i	Medical, Dental and AYUSH	UGNEET	Candidates must compulsorily register for CET-2026, fill the application and pay the fees to become eligible to participate in the KEA counselling.
ii	Architecture	NATA	
iii	For admission to D.Pharma, B.P.T., B.Sc. Allied Health Sciences, BPO courses - Selection is based on PU Marks	NO Entrance Exam – but they must compulsorily register for CET-2026 and fill the application and pay the fees to become eligible to participate in the counselling.	

6. As per Government order No. MED 51 RGU 2023 dated 13-04-2023 for admission to B.Sc. (Nursing) courses, Karnataka and non-Karnataka candidates have to appear for Common Entrance Test conducted by KEA. The non-Karnataka candidates will not be eligible for admission to engineering stream courses through KEA and they will also be not eligible for reservation.

Before registering through online for admission to any Professional courses in the state of Karnataka, applicants are hereby informed to read the Information Bulletin and understand the eligibility conditions, classification of seats (different types of category of seats) and eligibility to claim such seats.

Eligibility: As per Rule 5(1) of *Karnataka Selection of Candidates for Admission to Government seats in Professional Educational Institutions Rules 2006 (Amendments),* No candidate shall be eligible for admission to Government Seats unless he is a citizen of India and satisfies any one of the eligibility conditions specified therein. The candidates who do not satisfy any of the Clauses / Eligibility Criteria are not eligible for admission to professional courses under Government quota seats through KEA. Eligibility for OCI / PIO candidates for Government seats shall be as per the orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP No.891 /2021.

7. UGCET-2026-Information Bulletin consisting of details about mode of submission of application through online, eligibility clauses, academic eligibility criteria etc will be hosted on the KEA Website **https://cetonline.karnataka.gov.in/kea/** for the information of the candidates. Candidates can download the same from KEA Website.
8. Schedule for online application – payment of fees for CET-2026.

i.	Commencement of Registration and filling of Application-cum-verification module	**From 11.00 am on 17-01-2026**
ii.	Last date to fill the application online	**16-02-2026 up to 11.59 pm**
iii.	Last date to pay the application fees-online	**18-02-2026**
iv.	Downloading of Admission Tickets	**From 11.00 am onwards on 10-04-2026**

COMMON ENTRANCE TEST – 2026 TIME TABLE

Date	Day	Timings	Subject	Marks / Questions
23-04-2026	Thursday	10.30 am – 11.50 am	Physics	60
		02.30 pm – 03.50 pm	Chemistry	60
24-04-2026	Friday	10.30 am – 11.50 am	Mathematics	60
		02.30 pm – 03.50 pm	Biology	60

Kannada Language Test FOR HORANADU AND GADINADU KANNADIGA CANDIDATES at Bengaluru, Belagavi, Bijapura, Mangalore Districts only

22-04-2026	Wednesday	10.30 am to 11.30 am	4th Standard level	50

NOTE:

a. The question papers of the Common Entrance Test-2026 will be based on the First and Second PUC syllabi prescribed by the Department of Pre-University Education of Karnataka State. Regarding the syllabus to be adopted for Common Entrance Test-2026, the subject experts of the Department of School Education (Pre-University) have reviewed the Syllabus of PCMB subjects adopted for the 1st and 2nd PUC classes in Karnataka state and the syllabus to be adopted for CET-2026 will be published on the KEA Website for the information of the students.
b. *Candidates can clarify their doubts regarding filling of online application at their respective colleges in Karnataka.*
c. The "CET-2026 Diksuchi" (**"ಸಿಇಟಿ–2026 ದಿಕ್ಸೂಚಿ"**), containing brief information about CET-2026, will be distributed to every student in the state at their college.

Sd/- (H. Prasanna, IAS)
Executive Director.

DIPR/CP/5067/2025-26

http://cetonline.karnataka.gov.in/kea/ keaauthority.ka@nic.in
https://x.com/kea_karnataka https://www.youtube.com/@keavikasana
KEA Helpline Nos.: 080 – 23 460 460 (8 Lines) 8.00 am to 8.00 pm (except General Holidays)

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Basaveshwaranagar Branch,
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Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru- 560079.
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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

"APPENDIX- IV-A [See provision to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]"

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Sr. lot no.	Name & address of Borrower	Description of the Properties	Total Dues	Date & Time of Auction	Reserve Price EMD Amount Increment amount	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Property Inspection date & time
1	**1. G K Inc Represented by Prop: Smt Indira Basavaraju,** No 24/1/ B, Ground Floor, 13th Cross, MTS Layout, Hoysala Circle, Kengeri Satellite Town, Bengaluru-560060. **2. Smt Indira Basavaraju** W/o Basavaraju, No 11, Parijatha Street, 5th Cross, Garden Villas, Nagarbhavi Main Road, Bengaluru-560072 (Borrower). **3. Sri Basavaraju** S/o Siddappa, No 11, Parijatha Street, 5th Cross, Garden Villas, Nagarbhavi Main Road, Bengaluru-560072 (Guarantor)	**Property No. 1** : Single Bedroom Flat Bearing No A211 on the Second Floor having super built-up area of 549 sq Ft., having RCC Roofing, Vitrified Flooring, Flush Doors and Aluminum Windows and One Open Car Parking space in the Stilt Floor, the building known as "ASHRAYA BUDGET APARTMENTS", Jigani Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District. **Property No. 2:** Single Bedroom Flat Bearing No A213 on the Second Floor having super built-up area of 600 sq Ft., having RCC Roofing, Vitrified Flooring, Flush Doors and Aluminum Windows and One Open Car Parking space in the Stilt Floor, the building known as "ASHRAYA BUDGET APARTMENTS", Jigani Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District.	**Rs.1,94,62,283.09** (Rupees One Crore Ninety Four Lakhs Sixty two thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Three and Paise Nine Only) as on 10.01.2026 plus interest and other legal charges	**04.02.2026** between 02.00 PM to 06.00 PM	**Property No. 1** : **Rs. 13,30,000/- Rs.1,33,000/- Rs. 10,000/-** **Property No. 2: Rs. 14,55,000/- Rs.1,45,000/- Rs. 10,000/-**	**Physical Possession**	With prior appointment from Authorised Officer

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction.htm and online auction portal https://baanknet.comand Also, prospective bidders may contact the Branch head on Tel No. 080-23201561 & Mobile 9833009762.

Date: 12.01.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Bank of Baroda, Basaveshwaranagar Branch

Bank of Baroda

Malleswaram Main Branch, No74, 7th Cross,
Malleswaram, Bengaluru - 560 003
Tel: 080-23447674, E-mail: MALLES@bankofbaroda.com

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Sr. lot no.	Name & address of Borrower	Description of the Properties	Total Dues	Date & Time of Auction	Reserve Price EMD Amount Increment amount	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Property Inspection date & time
1	**1) Smt Geetha Dadiga,** W/o Srisailam Dadiga, No 4/161, Lemoor, K V Rangareddy, Kandukar, Hyderabad – 501359 (Borrower). **2) Sri Srisailam Dadiga**, S/o Sri DanaiahDadiga, No 4/161, Lemoor, K V Rangareddy, Kandukar, Hyderabad – 501359 (Co-Borrower). **3) Smt Gorege Laxmamma,** W/o Gorige Kishan, No 4/161, Lemoor, K V Rangareddy, Kandukar, Hyderabad – 501359	**Schedule 'A' Property:** All that Property bearing Municipal No.123, situated at Infantry Road, Municipal Ward No.78 of Vasanthanagar, Bangalore and in all approximately measuring 10397 sq. ft. Out of 12059 Sq. Ft. and bounded by: East: Road, West: Private Property, North: Infantry Road and South: Private Property **Schedule 'B' Property:** 450 Sq.ft of undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in Schedule 'A' Property. **Schedule 'C' Property:** Residential Flat bearing No. 202, comprising of 3 BHK, in Second Floor of "PRISTINE VARA" BBMP Property Bearing No.123/5m Situated at INFANTRY ROAD, Bangalore, PID No. 78-1-123/5, BBMP Ward No. 110-Sampangiramanagar, being built in Schedule 'A' Property and having Super built up area 2500 Sq. ft. (Carpet area measuring 1665 sq.ft), and right to use , common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common usage and one covered car parking space in basement and bounded on: East by: Private Property, West by: Private Property North by: Flat No. 201, South by: Private Property.	**Rs 7,62,19,161.84** (Rupees Seven Crores Sixty-Two Lakhs Nineteen Thousand One Hundred Sixty One and PaiseEighty Four Only) as on 10.01.2026Plus Interest and Legal Expenses thereon	**04.02.2026** between 02.00 PM to 06.00 PM	**Rs. 5,25,00,000/- Rs.52,50,000/- Rs. 1,00,000/-**	**Physical Possession**	With prior appointment from Authorised Officer
2	**1) Sri Srisailam Dadiga**, S/o Sri Danaiah Dadiga, No 4/161, Lemoor, K V Rangareddy, Kandukar, Hyderabad – 501359 (Borrower). **2) Smt Geetha Dadiga**, W/o Srisailam Dadiga, No 4/161, Lemoor, K V Rangareddy, Kandukar, Hyderabad – 501359 (Co-Borrower). **3) Smt Gorege Laxmamma**, W/o Gorige Kishan, No 4/161, Lemoor, K V Rangareddy, Kandukar, Hyderabad – 501359	**Schedule 'A' Property:** All that Property bearing Municipal No.123, situated at Infantry Road, Municipal Ward No. 78 of Vasanthanagar, Bangalore and in all approximately measuring 10397 sq. ft. Out of 12059 Sq. Ft. and bounded by: East: Road, West: Private Property, North: Infantry Road and South: Private Property **Schedule 'B' Property:** 450 Sq.ft. of undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in Schedule 'A' Property. **Schedule C Property:** Residential Flat bearing No.702, Comprising of 3 BHK in 7th Floor of "PRISTINE VARA", PID No.78-1-123/15 being built in the schedule A property and having super built-up area of 2500 square feet and its carpet area measuring 1563 square feet, together with one covered car parking space in the basement and right to use common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common usage and bounded on the: East by: Private Property, West by: Private Property, North by: Flat No.701 and South by: Private Property.	**Rs Rs 7,65,69,960.29** (Rupees Seven Crores Sixty-Five Lakhs Sixty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty and Paise Twnety Nine Only) as on 10.01.2026 Plus Interest and Legal Expenses thereon	**04.02.2026** between 02.00 PM to 06.00 PM	**Rs. 5,25,00,000/- Rs.52,50,000/- Rs. 1,00,000/-**	**Physical Possession**	With prior appointment from Authorised Officer

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Date: 13.01.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-
Authorised Officer,
Bank of Baroda, Malleswaram Main Branch

16% of Republicans say Donald Trump has helped 'a lot' in addressing cost of living

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	29	19	SNY	Los Angeles	20	12	SNY
Colombo	29	23	TDS	Melbourne	17	5	LC
Dhaka	27	16	TDS	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	22	SNY	New York	2	-3	SNY
Houston	30	23	TDS	Singapore	27	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	-6	-8	SNY
London	12	8	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

UKRAINE WAR

Kyiv schools closed till Feb after strikes on power infra

KYIV

SCHOOLS in Ukrainian capital Kyiv will close until the next month, mayor Vitali Klitschko announced Friday, citing "difficult conditions" after Russian strikes battered the energy sector amid below-freezing temperatures.

"Starting January 19, schools in the capital city will be closed for break until February 1," Klitschko said on Telegram.

Russia has not spared a single Ukrainian power plant from attack since its all-out invasion, Ukraine's new energy minister said Friday, as a recent escalation of aerial bombardments left hundreds of thousands of people without heat for days during the coldest winter.

Denys Shmyhal said Russia conducted 612 attacks on Ukraine's energy infrastructure objects over last year. That barrage has intensified in recent months as nighttime temperatures plunge to minus 18 degrees C (minus 0.4 F).

"Nobody in the world has ever faced such a challenge," Shmyhal told lawmakers in a speech at Ukraine's Parliament, the Verkhovna Rada.

Russia has hammered Ukraine's power grid, especially in winter, throughout the almost four-year war. It aims to weaken the Ukrainian will to resist in a strategy that Kyiv officials call "weaponizing winter."

Ukraine's power shortage is so desperate that Shmyhal urged businesses to switch off their illuminated signage and exterior decorations to save electricity.

"If you have spare energy, better give it to people," the energy minister said. "This is the most important thing today. People will be grateful."

Ukraine has introduced emergency measures, including temporarily easing curfew restrictions to allow people to go whenever they need to public heating centers set up by the authorities, Shmyhal said. *AFP*

Anti-Iranian regime protesters hold a flag of Iran from before the 1979 revolution, during a protest in Yalova, Turkey on Friday | AFP

Protests subside across Iran after brutal crackdown

Chances of US military action recede as local allies urge Trump to hold off on strikes

PARIS

PROTESTS in Iran have subsided after a crackdown that has killed thousands under an internet blackout, monitors said Friday, a week after the start of the largest demonstrations in years challenging the country's theocratic system.

The threat of new military action by the United States against the Islamic republic has also appeared to have receded for the time being, with a Saudi official saying Gulf allies have persuaded President Donald Trump to give the Iranian leadership a "chance".

Protests sparked by economic grievances started with a shutdown in the Tehran bazaar on December 28 but turned into a mass movement demanding the removal of the clerical system that has ruled Iran since the 1979 revolution. The "brutal" repression has "likely suppressed the protest movement for now", said the US-based Institute for the Study of War, which has monitored the protest activity.

But it added: "The regime's widespread mobilisation of security forces is unsustainable, however, which makes it possible that protests could resume."

Norway-based rights group Iran Human Rights (IHR) says 3,428 protesters have been verified to have been killed by security forces, but warns the actual toll could be several times higher. Other estimates place the toll at more than 5,000 —and possibly as high as 20,000 —with the internet blackout severely hampering independent verification, IHR said.

The opposition Iran International channel based outside the country has said at least 12,000 people were killed during the protests, citing senior government and security sources.

Monitor Netblocks said that the "total internet blackout" in Iran had now lasted over 180 hours, longer than a similar measure that was imposed during 2019 protests.

Amnesty International said this was being backed up by the use of heavily armed patrols and checkpoints to crush "the nationwide popular uprising in Iran" with security forces visible in the streets. *AFP*

China and Canada turn the page on their sour ties, strike deals on tariffs and visas

BEIJING

CANADA Prime Minister Mark Carney and Chinese President Xi Jinping agreed on a raft of measures from trade to tourism on Friday at the first meeting between the countries' leaders in Beijing in eight years.

The Canadian premier hailed a "landmark deal" under a "new strategic partnership" with China, turning the page on years of diplomatic spats, retaliatory arrests of each other's citizens and tariff disputes. Carney has sought to reduce his country's reliance on the United States, its key economic partner and traditional ally, as President Donald Trump has aggressively raised tariffs on Canadian products.

"Canada and China have reached a preliminary but landmark trade agreement to remove trade barriers and reduce tariffs," Carney told a news conference.

Under the deal, China—which used to be Canada's largest market for canola seed—is expected to reduce tariffs on canola products by March 1 to around 15 percent, down from the current 84 percent.

China will also allow Canadian visitors to enter the country visa-free. In turn, Canada will import 49,000 Chinese electric vehicles (EVs) under new, preferential tariffs of 6.1 percent.

"This is a return to the levels that existed prior to recent trade frictions," Carney said.

Xi said China-Canada relations reached a turning point at their last meeting on the sidelines of the APEC summit in October. "It can be said that our meeting last year opened a new chapter in turning China–Canada relations toward improvement," Xi told the Canadian leader. *AFP*

Canada's Prime Minister Mark Carney, left, meets with Chinese President Xi Jinping at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on Friday | AFP

US, Taiwan sign $250 billion trade agreement

Washington: The United States and Taiwan reached a trade deal on Thursday that cuts tariffs on Taiwanese goods in exchange for USD 250 billion in new investments in the US tech industry. The deal is the latest President Donald Trump has struck such as those with the European Union and Japan since he unveiled a sweeping tariff plan last April to address trade imbalances. Trump also has a one-year trade truce with China to stabilise ties with the world's second largest economy. Trump initially set the tariff at 32 percent on Taiwanese goods but later changed it to 20 percent. The new agreement slashes the tariff rate to 15 percent, the same as levied on other US partners. The US Department of Commerce said the deal with Taiwan would establish an 'economic partnership' to create several 'world-class' US-based industrial parks in order to help build up domestic production.

ASIA MATTERS

SINGAPORE

P.I.O. WINS FIRST PRIZE IN HINDI SONG CONTEST

A Singaporean woman has won a first prize in the Asia (excluding India) and Australia region at the prestigious Vishwa Hindi Geet Competition 2026 held in Mauritius. Organised by the World Hindi Secretariat (WHS), the competition was held to commemorate Vishwa Hindi Diwas and to honour the global reach of the Hindi language. Shweta Verma, a naturalised Singaporean, is a finance professional and cultural enthusiast. Participants submitted original Hindi Geet (song, lyrics, or melody) compositions, evaluated for creativity, literary merit, and thematic relevance

THAILAND

TAIWANESE DRUG KINGPIN ARRESTED

Police have arrested a Taiwanese national who is allegedly the key mastermind behind a transnational drug trafficking network. The suspect was arrested on Thursday at a condominium in Bangkok during a joint operation by the Narcotics Suppression Bureau, the Immigration Bureau's investigation division and the Metropolitan Police

INDONESIA

GOVT SUES FIRMS OVER DEFORESTATION

Indonesia's government has filed multiple lawsuits seeking over $200 million in damages against six firms, after deadly floods wreaked havoc across Sumatra, killing more than 1,000 people last year. Environmentalists, experts, and the government pointed the finger at deforestation for its role in last year's disaster that washed torrents of mud and wooden logs into villages across the northwestern part of the island. The government is seeking 4.8 trillion rupiah from six companies accused of unspecified damage to an area spanning more than 2,500 hectares

GAZA CEASEFIRE

Donald Trump says 'board of peace' formed

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump on Thursday announced the formation of a Gaza "board of peace," a key phase two element of a US-backed plan to end the war.

"It is my Great Honor to announce that THE BOARD OF PEACE has been formed," Trump posted on his Truth Social platform, adding that the members of the body will be announced "shortly."

"I can say with certainty that it is the Greatest and Most Prestigious Board ever assembled at any time, any place," Trump said. The board's creation comes shortly after the announcement of a 15-member Palestinian technocratic committee, charged with managing the day-to-day governance of post-war Gaza.

The committee will work under the supervision of the board of peace, which Trump said Thursday he will lead as its chair. The plan also calls for the deployment of an International Stabilisation Force to help secure Gaza and train vetted Palestinian police units.

"The ball is now in the court of the mediators, the American guarantor and the international community to empower the committee," Bassem Naim, a senior Hamas leader, said in a statement on Thursday.

The US-backed Gaza peace plan first came into force on October 10, facilitating the return of all the hostages held by Hamas and an end to the fighting between the Palestinian militant group and Israel in the besieged territory.

The plan's second phase is now underway, though clouded by ongoing allegations of aid shortages and violence.

For Palestinians, the central issue remains Israel's full military withdrawal from the Gaza Strip—a step included in the plan's framework but for which no detailed timetable has been announced. *AFP*

Back America's Greenland plan or risk tariffs: Don

NUUK

US President Donald Trump said on Friday he may impose trade tariffs on countries that don't support his plans to take over Greenland, part of the territory of NATO ally Denmark. "I may put a tariff on countries if they don't go along, because we need Greenland for national security," Trump said.

It comes as troops from several European countries continued to arrive in Greenland in a show of support for Denmark as talks among representatives of Denmark, Greenland and the US highlighted "fundamental disagreement" over the future of the island. The disagreement came into starker focus Thursday, with the White House describing plans for more talks with officials from Denmark and Greenland as "technical talks on the acquisition agreement" for the US to acquire Greenland. That was a far cry from the way Danish Foreign Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen described it as a working group that would discuss ways to work through differences between the nations. "The group should focus on how to address the American security concerns, while at the same time respecting the red lines of the Kingdom of Denmark," he said.

Before the talks began Wednesday, Denmark said it would increase its military presence in Greenland. Several European partners, including France, Germany, the UK, Norway, Sweden and the Netherlands, started sending symbolic numbers of troops. The troops intended to portray unity among Europeans and send a signal to Trump that an American takeover of Greenland is not necessary as NATO together can safeguard the security of the Arctic region. *AFP*

People walking past a Greenlandic national flag in Nuuk, Greenland | AFP

US President Donald Trump and Venezuelan opposition leader Maria Corina Machado pose with the Peace Prize in the Oval Office | THE WHITE HOUSE

Machado presents her Nobel Peace Prize medal to Trump

WASHINGTON

VENEZUELAN opposition leader Maria Corina Machado said Thursday she "presented" her Nobel Peace Prize medal to Donald Trump, in a bid to win over the US president who had sidelined her since overthrowing Nicolas Maduro.

Her "wonderful gesture of mutual respect," as Trump called it Thursday, comes after the Republican said the award should have gone to him instead -- and after he refused to back Machado following the January 3 US military operation to capture Maduro.

"He deserves it, and it was a very emotional moment," Machado later told broadcaster Fox News in an interview.

Despite the gesture, Trump has backed Maduro's vice president Delcy Rodriguez over Machado—so long as she toes Washington's line, particularly on access to Venezuela's vast oil reserves.

"I presented the president of the United States the medal of the Nobel Peace Prize," Machado told reporters outside the US capitol, where she met with lawmakers after having lunch with Trump at the White House.

Machado, 58, said it was "recognition for his unique commitment with our freedom."

It was not immediately clear if Trump actually kept the award following the closed-door meeting.

The Norwegian Nobel committee says its prizes cannot be transferred.

Trump had campaigned hard to win last year's Nobel Peace Prize for what he says are his efforts to stop eight wars.

Instead it went to Machado, who appeared in Oslo last month to collect her prize -- following a daring escape from Venezuela by boat—and then dedicated it to Trump. *AFP*

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TRUMP'S NAME GAME

Most American presidents aspire to the kind of greatness that prompts future generations to name important things in their honor. Donald Trump isn't leaving it to future generations. His administration and allies have put the president's name on airports, federal buildings, warships or other government assets

CALL THEM BY HIS NAME

Trump Accounts for tax-deferred investments

TrumpRx, a government website soon to offer direct sales of prescription drugs

Trump Gold Card, a visa that costs at least $1 million

Late last year, Trump announced a new class of US Navy battleships named the "Trump-class"

Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity, a transit corridor included in a deal his administration brokered between Armenia and Azerbaijan

Efforts are on to rename Palm Beach International Airport as **Donald J Trump International Airport**

Anybody that names a boulevard after me, I like
Donald Trump

Trump has told owners of Washington's NFL team that he would like his name on their new stadium. The team's ownership group, which has the naming rights, has not commented on the idea

The addition of Trump's name to the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts so outraged Senator Bernie Sanders that he introduced legislation to ban the naming or renaming of any federal building or land after a sitting president

On Friday, Trump attends a ceremony in Florida where local officials will dedicate a 6-kilometre stretch of road from the airport to his Mar-a-Lago estate as President Donald J Trump Boulevard

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Market Watch

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RIL Q3 net profit flat at ₹18,645 cr, revenue up 11%

Co says O2C segment EBITDA improved in Q3 due to rise in transportation fuel cracks, higher sulphur realisation; retail revenue under pressure

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

BILLIONAIRE Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) on Friday reported flat growth in its consolidated net profit at ₹18,645 crore during the third quarter of the financial year 2025-26 (Q3FY26) compared to ₹18,540 crore reported in the same quarter a year ago. RIL's revenues from operations increased 11% year-on-year to ₹2.69 lakh crore in Q3FY26.

The oil-to-chemical (O2C) segment, which contributes more than half of the conglomerate's revenue, saw its EBITDA improving significantly by 14.6% in Q3 to ₹16,507 crore. Revenue from this segment grew 8.4% to Rs 162,095 crore.

RIL said that O2C segment EBITDA improved in the December quarter due to sharp increase in transportation fuel cracks and higher Sulphur realisation partially offset by weakness in downstream chemical margins and higher feedstock freight rates.

Favorable ethane cracking economics and domestic market placements continued to support profitability, added the company.

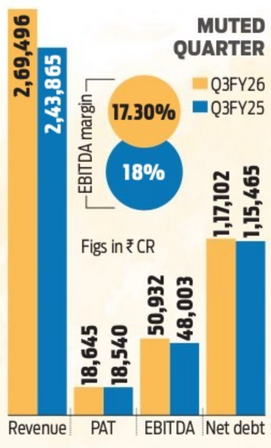
"Robust growth in O2C business was led by significantly higher fuel margins with favorable demand-supply dynamics, along with operational flexibility. I am happy to highlight the strong growth in our fuel retailing business, with continuing expansion of the Jio-bp network. Upstream segment EBITDA was impacted by lower volumes and prices," said RIL chairman and managing director Mukesh Amabani.

This is the first quarterly result for RIL, India's most valuable company, following last week's report that three vessels carrying Russian crude oil were heading to Jamnagar refinery. RIL called the report "blatantly untrue" and said that the refinery has not received any Russian oil cargo in the past three weeks, nor is it expecting any Russian crude oil deliveries in January. The clarification came in the backdrop of the United States threatening India with a 500% tariff for continuing to buy Russian oil.

Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd (RRVL) reported just 2.7% increase in its PAT to ₹3,551 crore in the festive heavy quarter. Revenue grew by more than 9% to ₹86,951 crore in Q3FY26.

RIL's oil and gas (exploration and production) segment saw its revenue falling by 8.4% to ₹5,833 crore and EBITA declining 12.7% to 4,857 crore in Q3FY26. Revenue fell on account of lower volumes and price realisation for KGD6 gas and condensate.

"Reliance's robust cash flows and balance sheet strength have been recognised by international rating agencies," RIL chairman said. Reliance, he said, is entering a new phase of value creation with its initiatives in the AI and new energy domains. "I am confident that Reliance will play a pioneering role in the evolution of these epoch-defining technologies."



DISAPPOINTS STREET

OIL-TO-CHEMICALS

Segment revenue grew by **8.4%** YoY to **₹162,095 crore**

EBITDA rises **14.6%** YoY to **₹16,507 cr**, while EBITDA margin improves by **60** bps YoY to **10.2%**

RETAIL MARGIN PRESSURE

Revenue from operations see healthy **9.2%** YoY increase to **₹86,951 cr**, while profit inched up by **2.7%** YoY to **₹3,551 cr** EBITDA increases by **1.3%** YoY to **₹6,915 cr**, but EBITDA margin falls by **60** bps to **8%** YoY

OIL AND GAS

Revenue falls by **8.4%** YoY to **₹5,833 cr**, EBITDA declines **12.7%** YoY to **₹4,857 cr**

EBITDA margin falls by **410** bps to **83.3%**

Jio profit surges 11.3% to ₹7,629 cr on higher ARPU

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

JIO PLATFORMS , the digital arm of Reliance Industries, on Friday reported an 11.3% year-on-year increase in consolidated net profit for the December quarter to ₹7,629 crore on account of rise in subscriber base, average revenue per user (ARPU), and scaling up of digital services.

Revenue rose 12.7% to ₹43,683 crore. EBITDA increased 16.4% YoY to ₹19,303 crore, with a margin expansion of 170 basis points. Net profit grew 11.2% YoY to ₹7,629 crore. The telco's ARPU rose to ₹213.7, supported by higher customer engagement, partly offset by promotional offers for unlimited 5G and broadband services. Jio added 8.9 million net subscribers during the quarter.

Jio's 5G user base crossed milestone of 250 million, reaching 253 million as of December 2025. 5G accounts for 53% of total wireless traffic, driven by growth in user engagement. "Jio has been catalyst for India's digital revolution by bringing the world's best tech platforms in the hands of Indian users. Jio's over 500 million subscriber base, deep customer insights and pan-India distribution network will empower Reliance Intelligence to achieve its aim to make India not just AI-enabled but AI-empowered - where every citizen and enterprise can harness AI tools to create, innovate and grow. This will drive value creation for all stakeholders in coming years," said Akash Ambani, chairman of Reliance Jio Infocomm.

> **Jio has been catalyst for digital revolution by bringing best tech platforms to Indian users**
>
> Akash Ambani, chairman, Jio

ARPU

Q3FY26 **₹213.7**

Q2FY26 **₹211.4**

Q3FY25 **₹203.3**

(ARPU: Average revenue per user)

Second tranche of FOF execution for start-ups soon

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE formulation of guidelines for the rolling out of the second phase of the Fund of Funds (FoF) scheme for start-ups is at an advanced stage and will be implemented soon, once it gets clearance from the Cabinet, said Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Friday.

As India marked the 10-year anniversary of the National Startup India Day, deep tech and high-tech sectors such as defence, space, and aerospace have become the major focus of the government, where they are pushing for more entrepreneurial zeal among youth, stated the Minister while addressing the media.

"It has been announced in the Budget. There will be a need for a cabinet approval. It is a very advanced stage," said Piyush Goyal. The government first launched FoF of 10000 crore in 2016 to boost the start-up ecosystem with an aim to provide seed capital and handhold start-ups in different sectors. After the utilization of the first tranche, second tranche of another ₹10,000 crore was announced in the previous Union Budget.

EARNINGS

TechM profit up 14% at ₹1,122 cr, revenue rises 8%

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

TECH MAHINDRA reported a 14% year-on-year increase in consolidated net profit for the December quarter, supported by strong margin expansion, even as the company took one-time exceptional charges linked to the implementation of new labour codes.

The Pune-headquartered IT services firm posted a net profit of ₹1,122 crore for the third quarter of FY26, compared with ₹983.2 crore in the same period last year. However, it fell 6% sequentially due to a one-time exceptional charge of Rs 272.4 crore related to the implementation of the new labour codes, which increased gratuity and leave-related liabilities.

Revenue from operations rose 8.3% YoY to ₹14,393 crore in the quarter, up from ₹13,286 crore a year earlier. On a sequential basis, revenue increased 2.8%. Further, EBIT margin expanded to 13.1%, compared with around 10.2% in the year-ago period and was up 100 basis points QoQ. Deal activity strengthened during the quarter. Tech Mahindra reported new deal wins worth $1.1 billion, an increase of 47% compared with the same quarter last year and 34.3% higher than the previous quarter.

Mohit Joshi, CEO and managing director of Tech Mahindra, said, "Our deal wins on an LTM basis are the highest we have achieved in the past five years, reflecting an improved deal-win run-rate over the past several quarters. The momentum is a testament to our sustained investments in sales, solution-oriented go-to-market approach, and the growing relevance of our AI-led offerings in addressing client needs."

In terms of workforce metrics, the company's total headcount stood at 149,616 at the end of the December quarter, down by 872 employees YoY. LTM IT attrition rose to 12.3%, compared with 11.2% in the year-ago period.

IT sector: ROI-based projects gain pace

PADMINI DHRUVARAJ @ Bengaluru

THE country's top IT services firms say clients are approving technology projects based on return on investment (ROI) rather than discretionary budgets. Infosys, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and HCLTech said artificial intelligence and automation are helping restart modernisation and transformation projects that were earlier put on hold, even as overall demand remains tight.

HCLTech said it delivered revenue growth in the December quarter, in what it described as a constrained demand environment, supported by AI-powered solutions and large-scale transformation programmes.

"I believe there is little value in waiting for either historical or anticipated discretionary spending to resume. Instead, the focus should be on opportunity, identifying where the spending is occurring and targeting those opportunities," said HCLTech CEO C Vijayakumar during Q3 press conference.

He said the company is no longer waiting for discretionary spending to come back to what it was a few years ago or post-COVID. "Traditional discretionary areas like SaaS and some of these things are not where a lot of spend is happening, but it is happening in a lot of what I call as day minus one work for AI, like there is so much of CapEx investments going into data centers. So there are a lot of professional services around that."

> **So these (robotics, physical AI) are the areas and semiconductors, the silicon for edge inferencing. That's where we see a major spend. So we are really chasing where money is getting invested**
>
> C Vijayakumar, chief executive officer, HCLTech

Additionally, he explained spending is happening on robotics, physical AI. "So these are the areas and semiconductors, the silicon for edge inferencing. That's where we see a major spend. So we are really chasing where money is getting invested."

Wipro CEO Srini Pallia said the company is looking to service data centres. "Data centres are a big investment that's going on. If you look at things like that, every year there's a billion dollar capital spent on infrastructure for AI. It could be data centres, GPUs and so on and so forth. By 2030, it's going to be $3 billion a day," he said. He joked that: "The interesting part is soon there will be data centres in space. And we've got to think about that too." Infosys said the use of AI-driven software agents has made projects such as legacy modernisation more viable for clients.

"If you take legacy modernisation, if you use software agents plus our expertise, plus our knowledge, the whole economics from a client perspective becomes much better," Infosys CEO Salil Parekh said during Q3 earnings presser. "That allows a lot of these projects which were not happening before to start happening."

The company added that this shift goes beyond changing how existing work is delivered. "This is not a case of something which was being done, which is being done differently," he said. "This is a case of something which was not being done, which will now start to happen." Infosys saw large deal signings worth $4.8 billion during the quarter, up from $3.1 reported in the previous quarter. Management said these deals increasingly combine productivity improvements with cost optimisation objectives.

TCS pointed to a rise in short-cycle projects where decisions are taken faster and are closely linked to measurable returns.

The IT major said this trend is visible across industries, with AI and data-led programmes driving demand. The company reported annualised AI services revenue of $1.8 billion in the quarter. "We have now shifted from experiments, POCs and pilots to really ROI led scaled implementations," TCS CEO K Krithivasan said.

ASIANOMICS

MALAYSIA

ECONOMIC GROWTH HITS 4.9% IN 2025

Malaysia's economy likely expanded 4.9% in 2025, beating the government and central bank's projections, as growth in the final quarter of the year surged on strong performances in key sectors and robust domestic demand. Gross domestic product grew 5.7% in the October-December period from a year earlier, official advance estimates showed on Jan 16, faster than the 5.2% expansion in Q3. It was the quickest since the second quarter of 2024 when the economy grew 5.9%. The economy had been expected to expand between 4% and 4.8% in 2025, slowing from 5.1% growth recorded in 2024. Growth in the last 3 months of 2025 was driven by strength in main economic sectors, including services, manufacturing and construction, the statistics department said.

JAPAN

YEN RISES ON HOPES OF CURRENCY INTERVENTION

The yen rose against dollar on Friday after Japanese finance minister Satsuki Katayama said Tokyo would not rule out any options to counter weakness in yen, including coordinated intervention with the US. The yen slid to a 1-1/2-year low earlier in the week. It was last up 0.37% to 158.08, but still set for a third consecutive week of declines against the greenback. The dollar index was poised for a third consecutive weekly gain. A statement signed with the US last September "was extremely significant and included language on intervention." Markets in Japan are on edge before a pivotal week that will see fiscally dovish Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi dissolve parliament to set up a snap election while the central bank meets on policy.

CHINA

ANNOUNCES RECORD $1TN TRADE SURPLUS

China announced record export numbers for 2025, a year when US President Donald Trump's tariffs and trade policy caused turmoil in the global economy. Beijing has reported the world's largest-ever trade surplus - the value of goods and services sold overseas compared to its imports - at $1.19tn (£890bn). It's the first time China's full-year trade surplus has passed $1tn, beating 2024's record figure of $993bn. China's monthly export surpluses passed $100bn 7 times last year - a sign that Trump's tariff campaign have affected its overall trade with the rest of the world. Trade with the US did weaken, but this was made up for by a rise in Chinese exports elsewhere. Wang Jun, deputy director of China's customs, said the figures are "extraordinary and hard-won" given the "profound changes" and challenges in global trade.

WIPRO NET PROFIT DECLINES 7% AS LABOUR CODES RAISE COSTS

PADMINI DHRUVARAJ @ Bengaluru

WIPRO on Friday reported a decline in profitability for the December quarter, with consolidated net profit falling both sequentially and on a year-on-year basis due to the new labour code costs, even as the company's revenue rose.

Consolidated net profit was at ₹3,119 crore in Q3FY26, down 4% QoQ and 7% YoY. Wipro said earnings were impacted by cost pressures, including expenses linked to labour code-related adjustments and restructuring. Adjusted for the impact of labour code changes, net income for the quarter stood at ₹3,360 crore, an increase of 3.6% QoQ.

Revenue from IT services business came in at ₹23,378 crore during the quarter, rising 3.3% sequentially. The operating margin rose 90 basis points QoQ to 17.6%. For the March quarter, Wipro guided a sequential growth of 0 to 2% in constant currency terms for its IT services revenue. "In Q3, we delivered broad-based growth in line with our expectations. As AI becomes a strategic imperative, Wipro Intelligence is emerging as a differentiator and contributed to several wins this quarter," said Srini Pallia, CEO and Managing Director of Wipro.

Wipro incurred ₹3,028 crore towards additional gratuity expenses following the implementation of new labour codes, along with restructuring costs of ₹263 crore. The company said the restructuring exercise has been completed, and it does not expect further charges related to this. The total deal bookings for the quarter stood at $3.3 billion against $4.7 billion in the previous quarter, and large deal bookings were valued at $0.9 billion against $2.8 billion in Q2.

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'All disputes should not be characterised as tax terrorism'

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

AFTER securing a favourable judgment in the Tiger Global capital gains tax case, the tax department has said not all tax disputes should be characterised as overreach or "tax terrorism". Pending tax demands or withheld refunds in such cases should not automatically be viewed as arbitrary or coercive, officials said.

Sources in the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) said many disputes arise from genuine differences in interpretation, particularly in evolving areas of tax law. "Certainty emerges only when the highest court settles the issue. Until then, both taxpayer and tax administration are bound by due process," a senior CBDT official said.

As per officials, the department will revive assessment proceedings for assessment year 2019–20 in Tiger Global matter. "The officer will proceed to complete assessments in line with the SC ruling. The refund claim of ₹967.52 crore, which was withheld under Section 241A, will be addressed as part of assessment and consequential demand proceedings," the sources said. On Thursday, SC denied tax treaty benefits to Mauritius-based entities of Tiger Global on capital gains arising from sale of unlisted Flipkart shares in 2018.

Allowing the Revenue's appeal, the apex court set aside a Delhi HC judgment that had held the transactions to be protected under the grandfathering provisions of the India–Mauritius Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA).

> **The officer will proceed to complete assessments in line with the SC ruling. Refund claim of ₹967.52 cr will be addressed "**
>
> CBDT source

'Right to protect tax base'

Revenue department sources said SC ruling reiterates the importance of a state's right to protect tax base. Officials explained in high-value transactions, large tax demands are inevitable

EU-India FTA to be mother of all trade deals, says Goyal

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

COMMERCE and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Friday said the free trade agreement (FTA) with the 27-member European Union, now in its final stages of negotiation, would prove to be the "mother of all trade deals" India has concluded so far.

"I have done seven deals so far — all with developed economies. This one will be the mother of all," Goyal said during a media briefing.

Since 2014, India has entered into trade pacts with Mauritius, the UAE, the four European Free Trade Association nations (Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein), and Oman, besides signing an early harvest pact with Australia. Recently, FTAs with New Zealand and UK have also been signed.

The pact will be the largest so far as the bloc consists of 27 advanced economies. Goyal said bilateral trade between India and the EU is balanced across goods and services, as two sides are not competing with each other, rather trying to unlock significant growth opportunities. He said, that India and the EU are complementary economies and thus it would also be a "super deal" for Indian export-oriented sectors.

European Council President Antonio Luis Santos da Costa and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen will be visiting India from January 25 to 27, and will attend the 77th Republic Day celebrations as the chief guests.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client intends to purchase immovable Residential House property, which is morefully shown in the schedule hereinbelow from **Sri. YAHODHARA T. P.** S/o. Sri Papanna Gowda, R/o. No.201, Property No.31, 2nd Floor, 23rd Cross, Ittamadu Main Road, Banashankari III Stage, Bengaluru – 560 085, who claims to be the absolute owners in possession of the same. If any person/s, Financial Institution/s and/or Statutory Authority/ies, has/have any right, title, interest and/or claim/s in or upon the same and/or any objection/s to the proposed sale, the same may be communicated to the undersigned along with the supporting document/s within **10 [Ten] days** of this Publication. In the absence of any claim/s and/or objection/s within the stipulated period, it shall be deemed that there is/are no claim/s and/or objection/s in respect of the same, and my client will not be answerable to any claim/s put forth thereafter and will acquire a clear and marketable title to the same without being liable for any claim/s put forth thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential house property bearing Eastern Portion of Site No.74/1, V.P. Khatha No.303, New BBMP Khatha No.446/ 303/74, formed in Converted Sy.Nos.73/1-A and 73/1-B (duly converted for non-agricultural residential purposes, as per Official Memorandum bearing No.B.DIS. ALN.SR(S)135/1994-95, dated 02.08.1995, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru), situated at Vajarahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, now comes within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Hemmigepura Ward No.198 of Vajarahalli, Bengaluru and measuring East to West 20 Ft. and North to South 30 Ft., totally measuring 600 Sq. Ft. The Vendor constructed the residential house consisting of Stilt Floor, Ground Floor and Two Upper Floors, Plan approval issued by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Rajarajeshwarinagara, Project No.PRJ/16107-2023-24IN, File No.BBMP/AD CODE/RJH, dated 22.04.2024, present E-PID No.2563944892, Form-11, issued by Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, dated 08.01.2025 and bounded on the:-

East by : Site No.75; West by : Western Portion of same Site No.74;
North by : Site No.61; and South by : Road.

S. DORAI BABU, Sr. Partner – Advocate,
M/s. Hindlaw Partners LLP,
No. 50, 9th Cross, Central Street, Kumarapark West,
Bengaluru 560 020. Mob. No.9342090966.
Bengaluru, Date : 17.01.2026

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CORRINGENDUM TO SARFAESI E-AUCTION

Please refer the E-Auction Sale Notice Published in this News Paper on **22.12.2025** pertaining to the Borrower Name **M/s. Sudarshan Enterprises** in this notice Physical Possession wrongly mentioned please read **Symbolic Possession,** Sale Notice **19.12.2025** details remains same.

Date: 16.01.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer,**
Place : Bangalore **Canara Bank**

LOST

NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. S. Nagarajan, Sr. Manager-Operation of **M/s.SICGIL India Ltd,** having its office Sy. No.65/1 and 65/2, Kattamnallur Village Cross, Virgonagar Post, Bengaluru-560 049, states that his office person had lost the Original GPA issued from ICDSL in favour of Anthnoy Britto in the year 1989, and other documents, while taking the same for photocopying, and also lodged a complaint on 16/01/2026, bearing Transaction Sl. No. 2011145, Lost Report No.2011145/2026, relating to the Property bearing No. **N505, North Wing, Manipal Center, Dickenson Road, Bengaluru-560 042.** The Documents are: 1. Original GPA, 2. Copy of other documents.

If anybody transacts with the above documents our client is not responsible or liable, further, finders of the above documents are hereby required to make the same known to the undersigned at the earliest.

M. JAGADEESH
TAPAS LAW, Advocates
204, A Wing, Blue Cross Chambers,
2nd Floor, No.11, Infantry Road Cross,
Bangalore-560 001. Ph: 98455 20455
Date:17/01/2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **Smt.Shashirekha .H.B,** W/o Sri. Chandrashekar.P.R, aged about 35 years, Residing at No.E11/145, 9th Cross, Hosahalli Main Road, Near Sri Vidya Public School, Thunganagara, Bangalore-560091 owned by my client in respect of schedule property as mentioned as below: -

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.112, Khata No.1612, Block No.4, Situated at Lingadheeranahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40.6 feet totally measuring 1215 Sq.feet My client has lost the original documents on 11.01.2026 as mentioned as below Sale deed executed by Karnataka Government Class D Employees House Building Co-Operative Society Ltd in favor of Smt.Jayamma w/o Late Sri.C.H.Thimmaiah and Registered as Doc.No.12872/2001-02, Book-1, vol-6900, Pages 136-144 Registered in the office of the Sub Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk in respect of Schedule Property on 30.11.2001.

If any of the general public has found the said documents shall be handed over the same **within 7 days** from the date of publication to the below mentioned address.

G.N. VISHWANATH
Advocates and legal consultants,
No.36, MKS Arcade, office No.1, Ground Floor,
Ganganagar, Bangalore -560 032
Contact No. 9901914663

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OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER JHARSUGUDA FOREST DIVISION
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Address- BTM (Ekatali), Jharsuguda Unit No.1, Dist.-Jharsuguda
BID IDENTIFICATION NO-DFO- JSG - 09 of 2025-26
No.11 1F (Accts.), Dated, Jharsuguda the **16th January 2026**

MM-507 ***e-Procurement Notice***

1.	Name of work	:	Construction of Training Hall & Digital Library at Jharsuguda Forest Division Office for the year 2025-26
2.	Total No. of works	:	1 No.
3.	Estimated Cost	:	Rs.1,63,78,840.00/- (Excluding CST)
4.	Period of Completion	:	Four Calendar Months
5.	Date of availability of bid Documents in portal	:	16.01.2026 to 30.01.2026
6.	Last date/time for receipt of bids in the Portal	:	Up to 06.00 PM of 30.01.2026
7.	Date & Time of opening of Bid documents	:	**At 11.00 AM of 31.01.2026**
8.	Class of Contractor	:	"A" & "B" Class Contractor or above
9.	Name and address of officer inviting bid	:	Divisional Forest Officer, Jharsuguda Forest Division

(a) Further, details can be seen from the e-procurement portal www.tenderodisha.gov.in/ jharsuguda.odisha.gov.in, (b) The addendum / Corrigendum if any will be hosted in the website only.

Sd/- Divisional Forest Officer, Jharsuguda Forest Division

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE: SUNDARGARH
AT/PO-SANKARA, SUNDARGARH-770020, E-mail address-serw_sundargarh@yahoo.com
No. Tender Online - RWCCESNG - 31 of 2025-26, Letter No.68 /Dtd.07/01/2026

0-1992 ***e-Procurement NOTICE***

1.	Type of the Work	:	**Building (PHC)**
2.	Class of Contractor	:	As specified in the column-7 of the Annexure
3.	Time of Completion	:	As specified in the column-6 of the Annexure
4.	Detail Projects	:	As per Annexure attached
5.	Estimated Cost	:	As specified in the column-5 of the Annexure
6.	Other details	:	

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of Seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sundargarh	RWCCESNG-31 of 2025-26	19.01.2026 11:00 AM	02.02.2026 5:00 PM	01.02.2026 5:00 PM	03.02.2026 11:00 AM	Will be intimated separately

Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in

Sd/-Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sundargarh

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Phone: 080-25011280/286/350, e-mail: armban@bankofbaroda.co.in, Website: www.bankofbaroda.in

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is" and "As is what is"and "Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Mortgagor/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below -

Name & address of Borrower/s/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor/s	Description of the Immovable property	Total Dues	Date & time of e-Auction	1) Reserve Price, 2) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) 3) Bid Increase Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical) Property	Property Inspection Date & Time
1. M/S Sriven Properties, having its registered office at Sriven Rag Landmark, #2, 5th floor, Wilson Garden, Hosur Road, Bengaluru 560027 **2. Mr. T J Raghavendra Murthy** Residing at #1088,Sriven Mansion Near Manipal Hospital BEML Layout 5th Stage Rajarajeshwari Nagar Bangalore-560098 **3. Mrs. C R Madhu** Residing at #1088,Sriven Mansion Near Manipal Hospital BEML Layout 5thStage Rajarajeshwari Nagar Bangalore-560098	**1.**All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing **Flat No. 105** Ground Floor of residential apartment complex named as **"SRIVEN RAG METROPOLE"** having super build up area of 1617 Sqft situated at Gollahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently under the limits of ward no:196, Gollahalli Ward Konanakunte Sub Division, Site No.11,2&6, BBMP Katha No:15/23/2/1, carved out of converted land bearing Sy.No:23/2A (Converted vide official memorandum bearing B.DIS.ALN.SR (S). 131/2004-05 dated:03.07.2004 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) constructed on land measuring 14039 Sqft in the name of M/s Sriven property, bounded on East: Flat NO 104, West : Open to sky, North: Flat no. 106, South: Open.	**Rs. 9,99,05,634.32/-** (Rupees Nine Crore Ninety Nine Lakh Five thousand six hundred thirty four and thirty two paise Only) as on **06.01.2026** plus Further interest and other charges	**04.02.2026 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM**	Reserve Price: **Rs. 50,94,000.00** EMD: **Rs 5,09,400/-** Bid Increment Amount: **Rs. 50,000.00/-** **SCAN HERE For detailed terms & conditions**	**Physical Possession**	**Date of Inspection: 23.01.2026 Time: 02:00 PM to 04:00PM**
	2. All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing **Flat No. 106** Ground Floor of residential apartment complex named as **"SRIVEN RAG METROPOLE"** having super build up area of 1069 Sq.ft situated at Gollahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently under the limits of ward no:196, Gollahalli Ward Konanakunte Sub Division,Site No.11,2&6, BBMP katha No:15/23/2/1, carved out of converted land bearing Sy.No:23/2A (Converted vide official memorandum bearing B.DIS.ALN.SR (S). 131/2004-05 dated:03.07.2004 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) constructed on land measuring 14039 Sq.Ft in the name of M/s Sriven property, bounded on East: Entrance Lobby West: Open Space North: Open space and Flat no. 107 South: Open Space and Flat no. 105.		**04.02.2026 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM**	Reserve Price: **Rs. 33,68,000.00** EMD: **Rs. 3,36,800.00/-** Bid Increment Amount: **Rs. 50,000.00/-** **SCAN HERE For detailed terms & conditions**	**Physical Possession**	**Date of Inspection: 23.01.2026 Time: 02:00 PM to 04:00PM**
	3. All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing **Flat No. 108** Ground Floor of residential apartment complex named as **"SRIVEN RAG METROPOLE"** having super build up area of 1200 Sq.ft situated at Gollahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently under the limits of ward no:196, Gollahalli Ward Konanakunte Sub Division,Site No.11,2&6,BBMP katha No:15/23/2/1, carved out of converted land bearing Sy.No:23/2A (Converted vide official memorandum bearing B.DIS.ALN.SR (S). 131/2004-05 dated:03.07.2004 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) constructed on land measuring 14039 Sq.Ft in the name of M/s Sriven property, bounded on East: Entrance Lobby West: Corridor and Open Space North: Open Space South: Open Space and Corridor		**04.02.2026 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM**	Reserve Price: **Rs. 37,80,000.00** EMD: **Rs.3,78,000.00/-** Bid Increment Amount: **Rs. 50,000.00/-** **SCAN HERE For detailed terms & conditions**	**Physical Possession**	**Date of Inspection: 23.01.2026 Time: 02:00 PM to 04:00PM**
	4. All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing **Flat No. 109** Ground Floor of residential apartment complex named as **"SRIVEN RAG METROPOLE"** having super build up area of 1625Sq.ft situated at Gollahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently under the limits of ward no:196, Gollahalli Ward Konanakunte Sub Division, Site No.11,2&6, BBMP katha No:15/23/2/1, carved out of converted land bearing Sy.No:23/2A (Converted vide official memorandum bearing B.DIS.ALN.SR (S). 131/2004-05 dated:03.07.2004 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) constructed on land measuring 14039 Sq.Ft in the name of M/s Sriven property, bounded on East: Entrance Lobby West: Corridor and Open Space North: Open space South: Open to space, staircase and corridor		**04.02.2026 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM**	Reserve Price: **Rs. 51,19,000.00** EMD: **Rs. 5,11,900.00/-** Bid Increment Amount: **Rs. 50,000.00/-** **SCAN HERE For detailed terms & conditions**	**Physical Possession**	**Date of Inspection: 23.01.2026 Time: 02:00 PM to 04:00PM**
	5. All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing **Flat No. 110** Ground Floor of residential apartment complex named as **"SRIVEN RAG METROPOLE"** having super build up area of 1407 Sqft situated at Gollahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently under the limits of ward no:196, Gollahalli Ward Konanakunte Sub Division, Site No.11,2&6, BBMP khatha No:15/23/2/1, carved out of converted land bearing Sy.No:23/2A (Converted vide official memorandum bearing B.DIS.ALN.SR (S). 131/2004-05 dated:03.07.2004 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) constructed on land measuring 14039 Sqft in the name of M/s Sriven property, bounded on East: open, West: Corridor, North: Open, South: corridor.		**04.02.2026 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM**	Reserve Price: **Rs. 44,33,000.00** EMD: **Rs. 4,43,300.00/-** Bid Increment Amount: **Rs. 50,000.00/-** **SCAN HERE For detailed terms & conditions**	**Physical Possession**	**Date of Inspection: 23.01.2026 Time: 02:00 PM to 04:00PM**
	6. All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing **Flat No. 204** First Floor of residential apartment complex named as **"SRIVEN RAG METROPOLE"** having super build up area of 1064 Sq.ft situated at Gollahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently under the limits of ward no:196, Gollahalli Ward Konanakunte Sub Division,Site No.11,2&6, BBMP katha No:15/23/2/1, carved out of converted land bearing Sy.No:23/2A (Converted vide official memorandum bearing B.DIS.ALN.SR (S). 131/2004-05 dated:03.07.2004 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) constructed on land measuring 14039 Sq.Ft in the name of M/s Sriven property, bounded on East: Open Space and Flat no. 203 West: Open Space and Flat No:205 North: Entrance Lobby South: Open Space.		**04.02.2026 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM**	Reserve Price: **Rs. 49,03,000.00** EMD: **Rs. 4,90,300.00/-** Bid Increment Amount: **Rs. 50,000.00/-** **SCAN HERE For detailed terms & conditions**	**Physical Possession**	**Date of Inspection: 23.01.2026 Time: 02:00 PM to 04:00PM**
	7.All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing **Flat No. 208** First Floor of residential apartment complex named as **"SRIVEN RAG METROPOLE"** having super build up area of 1200 Sqft situated at Gollahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently under the limits of ward no:196, Gollahalli Ward Konanakunte Sub Division, Site No.11,2&6, BBMP khatha No:15/23/2/1, carved out of converted land bearing Sy.No:23/2A (Converted vide official memorandum bearing B.DIS.ALN.SR (S). 131/2004-05 dated:03.07.2004 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) constructed on land measuring 14039 Sqft in the name of M/s Sriven property, bounded on East: corridor, West: corridor, North: open/road, South: sky-light/corridor.		**04.02.2026 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM**	Reserve Price: **Rs. 37,80,000.00** EMD: **Rs. 3,78,000.00/-** Bid Increment Amount: **Rs. 50,000.00/-** **SCAN HERE For detailed terms & conditions**	**Physical Possession**	**Date of Inspection: 23.01.2026 Time: 02:00 PM to 04:00PM**
	8. All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing **Flat No. 210** First Floor of residential apartment complex named as **"SRIVEN RAG METROPOLE"** having super build up area of 1407 Sq.ft situated at Gollahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently under the limits of ward no:196, Gollahalli Ward Konanakunte Sub Division,Site No.11,2&6,BBMP katha No:15/23/2/1, carved out of converted land bearing Sy.No:23/2A (Converted vide official memorandum bearing B.DIS.ALN.SR (S). 131/2004-05 dated:03.07.2004 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) constructed on land measuring 14039 Sq.Ft in the name of M/s Sriven property, bounded on East: Entrance Lobby West: Corridor North: Open Space South: Corridor.		**04.02.2026 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM**	Reserve Price: **Rs. 44,33,000.00** EMD: **Rs. 4,43,300.00/-** Bid Increment Amount: **Rs. 50,000.00/-** **SCAN HERE For detailed terms & conditions**	**Physical Possession**	**Date of Inspection: 23.01.2026 Time: 02:00 PM to 04:00PM**
	9.All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing **Flat No. 303** First Floor of residential apartment complex named as **"SRIVEN RAG METROPOLE"** having super build up area of 1064 Sqft situated at Gollahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently under the limits of ward no:196, Gollahalli Ward Konanakunte Sub Division, Site No.11,2&6,BBMP Katha No:15/23/2/1, carved out of converted land bearing Sy.No:23/2A (Converted vide official memorandum bearing B.DIS.ALN.SR (S). 131/2004-05 dated:03.07.2004 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) constructed on land measuring 14039 Sqft in the name of M/s Sriven property, bounded on East: Flat No 302, West: Flat No 304, North: Corridor, South: open/road.		**04.02.2026 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM**	Reserve Price: **Rs. 33,52,000.00** EMD: **Rs. 3,35,200.00/-** Bid Increment Amount: **Rs. 50,000.00/-** **SCAN HERE For detailed terms & conditions**	**Physical Possession**	**Date of Inspection: 23.01.2026 Time: 02:00 PM to 04:00PM**
	10. All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing **Flat No. 402** Third Floor of residential apartment complex named as **"SRIVEN RAG METROPOLE"** having super build up area of 1064 Sqft situated at Gollahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently under the limits of ward no:196, Gollahalli Ward Konanakunte Sub Division, Site No.11,2&6,BBMP Katha No:15/23/2/1, carved out of converted land bearing Sy.No:23/2A (Converted vide official memorandum bearing B.DIS.ALN.SR (S). 131/2004-05 dated:03.07.2004 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) constructed on land measuring 14039 Sqft in the name of M/s Sriven property, bounded on East: Flat no. 401, West: Flat No.403,North: corridor, South: Open/road		**04.02.2026 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM**	Reserve Price: **Rs. 33,52,000.00** EMD: **Rs. 3,35,200.00/-** Bid Increment Amount: **Rs. 50,000.00/-** **SCAN HERE For detailed terms & conditions**	**Physical Possession**	**Date of Inspection: 23.01.2026 Time: 02:00 PM to 04:00PM**

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link **https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction.htm** and **https://ebkray.in.** Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on Tel No. 080-25011280/286/350 Mobile: 8420993772.

Date: 16.01.2026, Place: Bengaluru **Sd/- Authorized Officer, ZOSAR Branch, Bengaluru, Bank of Baroda**

UNIVERSITY OF HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES, BAGALKOT.
Office Of The Estate Officer, Udyanagiri,
Near Simikeri, By-Pass Road, Bagalkot - 587 104.

No. : S.P.O./E.O./U.H.S.B./TN - 213/2025-26 **Date : 16-01-2026**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

The University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot is inviting Short Term Tender for the **Scientific Equipments** of the use of various **Campus of the University.** The interested suppliers are requested to Participate in the Tender Online through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal. For More Details, Please **Contact Ph. No. : 08354 - 230258** and visit the link **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for Detailed Specification, Conditions and Schedule of Events and notification.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1) Last Date and Time for Tender Queries / Clarification : 20-01-2026 @ 14.00 Hrs, 2) Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders : 24-01-2026 @ 16.00 Hrs, 3) Date and Time for Opening of Technical Bid : 27-01-2026 @ 11.00 Hrs, 4) Date and Time for Opening of Financial Bid (if possible) : 29-01-2026 @ 12.00 Hrs.

All bidders shall get updated with Corrigendum / Addendum received from time to time during the entire tender process by visiting KPP Portal.

Sd/- Estate Officer,
U.H.S., Bagalkot.

DIPR/Bagalkot/512/Manipal/2025-26

IN THE COURT OF THE (CCH-84) LXXXIII ADDL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BENGALURU. (COMMERCIAL COURT COMPLEX)
COM. O.S. No. 1122/2025

BETWEEN : Volcafe Ltd & anr ...PLAINTIFFS
AND : Registrant of vccoffeein.com & others ...DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT No.1 to 3

To, **1. Registrant of vccoffeein.com** Address unknown Represented by Emily Marie, Email ID: EmmiBroadbent959@gmail.com, Vccoffeein@gmail.com Phone numbers: +91 86032 65376; +91 98668 53425; +91 98559 65567; +91 73852 50524; and +91 73859 81467
2. Registrant of vccoffeein.work Address unknown Email ID:Vccoffeein@gmail.com Phone numbers: +91 86032 65376; +91 98668 53425; +91 98559 65567; +91 73852 50524; and +91 73859 81467
3. Registrant of vccoffeein.shop Address unknown Email ID:Vccoffeein@gmail.com Phone numbers: +91 86032 65376; +91 98668 53425; +91 98559 65567; +91 73852 50524; and +91 73859 81467

Whereas the above suit for permanent and dynamic injunction has been filed by the Plaintiffs seeking a judgment and decree in favour of the Plaintiffs and against the defendants:

a. Granting permanent and dynamic injunction restraining Defendant Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 and Defendant No. 9 (and other similar websites/domains/entities which are discovered during the proceedings) and their employees, servants, agents, representatives, assignees, through themselves, or through assignees, or through their representatives from fraudulent impersonation of Plaintiffs by misrepresenting themselves as the Plaintiffs and committing tort of deceit upon the general public, using the Impugned Domains, Impugned Marks, Impugned Products and the Fake Websites, or the Schedule B Mobile numbers in any manner whatsoever;
b. Granting permanent and dynamic injunction restraining Defendant Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 and Defendant No. 9 (and other similar websites/domains/entities which are discovered during the proceedings) and their employees, servants, agents, representatives, assignees, through themselves, or through assignees, or through their representatives, from passing-off their services as the Plaintiffs, by using the Impugned Domains, Impugned Marks, Impugned Products and the Fake Websites Volcafe Marks, as described in **Schedule A** hereunder, or in any other manner whatsoever in any website whatsoever or using any of the computer or mobile applications such as WhatsApp, Telegram, Signal etc., or by using any mobile phone numbers as detailed in the **Schedule B**;
c. Granting permanent and dynamic injunction restraining Defendant No. 5 and its employees, servants, agents, representatives, assignees, through themselves, or through assignees, or through their representatives from registering any domain name, websites, social handle and accounts which are identical with or deceptively similar to that of the Plaintiffs, or identical with or deceptively similar to the Plaintiffs' Mark which is described in **Schedule A** hereunder;
d. Granting permanent and dynamic injunction restraining Defendant Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 and Defendant No. 9 (and other similar websites/domains/entities which are discovered during the proceedings) and their employees, servants, agents, representatives, assignees, through themselves, or through assignees, or through their representatives from reproducing the Volcafe marks or content from the Website, publishing any promotional content infringing the copyrights of the Plaintiffs, or making any unauthorized statements, or creating an association with the Plaintiffs, through the use of the Volcafe Marks or Impugned Marks, such as the Commissioned Articles in any medium whatsoever;
e. Granting mandatory injunction directing Defendant Nos. 7 and 8 to block access to the domains vccoffeein.com, vccoffeein.shop, and vcishop.com and any other site which bears any similarity to the website of the Plaintiffs or which uses any of the content of the Plaintiffs;
f. Granting mandatory injunction directing Defendant Nos. 7 and 8 to call upon various Internet Service Providers registered under it to block and delete the Fake Websites or any other such website that may subsequently be identified as being a mirror or rogue or vague;
g. Directing Defendant Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 9 to jointly and severally to pay damages in the sum of INR 27,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Only) to the Plaintiffs;
h. Awarding costs of the present suit to the Plaintiffs; and
i. Granting such further and other reliefs that this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of this case;

This Hon'ble Court by its order dated 06.01.2026 has ordered issuance of suit summons to you by substituted service. Therefore, you are hereby directed to appear and show cause as to why the suit should not be decreed as prayed for, **on 17.02.2026 at 11.00 AM,** in person or by a pleader/Advocate duly instructed in the matter.

Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the suit will be heard and disposed of in your absence.

PLAINT SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE : A

Sl. No.	Application No.	Mark	Class	Application Date	Country	Proprietor	Status
1.	P-377380		30	16 November 1989	Switzerland	Volcafe Ltd.	Registered
2.	613360	VOLCAFE	4, 6, 30	23 December 23 2010	Switzerland	Volcafe Ltd.	Registered
3.	1074568		4, 6, 30	28 March 2011	Switzerland	Volcafe Ltd.	Registered
4.	1075404	VOLCAFE	4, 6, 30	28 March 2011	Switzerland	Volcafe Ltd.	Registered
5.	5923313	VOLCAFE	30	17 October 2018	Switzerland	Volcafe Ltd.	Registered

SCHEDULE : B 1. +91 86032 65376 2. +91 98668 53425 3. +91 98559 65567 4. +91 73852 50524 5. +91 90415 02438 6. +91 73859 81467

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court on this the 9th day of January 2026.

Advocate for Plaintiff : **TRILEGAL**
6th Floor, Marksquare, No. 61,
St. Marks Road, Bengaluru - 560 001.

By Order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar,
Commercial Court Unit,
City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ
(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಉದ್ಯಮ)
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರ ಕಚೇರಿ, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ, ಘ.ಬ.ದಂ.ಕಾ.ನಿ. ವಿಭಾಗ–4, ಚಿಕ್ಕೋಡಿ
ಫೋನ ನಂ:08338–272485

ದರ ವಿಚಾರಣಾ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ (ಅಂದಾಜು ಪತ್ರಿಕೆ ತಯಾರಿಸಲು)

ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಕನೀನಿನಿ/ಜಿಆರ್‌ಬಿಸಿಸಿ ವಿ–4/ಜಿಬಿ–1/ದರ ವಿಚಾರಣೆ/2025–26/2614 ದಿನಾಂಕ 14–01–2026

ಮಾನ್ಯ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯಿಂದ

Consultancy services for survey, investigation, preparation of design, drawings, estimates, Detailed Project Report, package estimate & DTP lift components and Canal network under Mahalaxmi LIS in Chikodi taluka, Belagavi district ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಕುರಿತಂತೆ ಅಂದಾಜು ಪತ್ರಿಕೆ ತಯಾರಿಸಲು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಾಣಿಸಿದ ಐಟಂ ಗಳಿಗೆ ದರ ವಿಚಾರಣೆಯನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಜಿಎಸ್‌ಟಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಹೊಂದಿದ ಅರ್ಹ ತಯಾರಕರು/ವಿತರಕರು / ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಸೀಲ್ ಮಾಡಲಾದ ಕವರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತಮ್ಮ ದರ ವಿಚಾರಣೆ (Rate quotation) ಗಳನ್ನು (GST ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ) ಜಿಎಸ್‌ಟಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರದ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರ ಕಚೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

Sl.No:1:Item Description:Carrying out Topographical Survey of the Gross Command Area using Drone/DGPS instrument and preparation of contour drawing with 0.5 m contour intervals, along with collection of data such as relevant topo sheets, land revenue records such as village revenue survey maps, RTC documents, details of existing lands with drip irrigation/sprinkler systems, cropping pattern, details of MI tanks from MI department and ZP authorities etc. collection of all village maps falling under the command area, superimposing the Topographical survey drawing to form command area maps to scale 1:7920 etc. complete as per the direction of Engineer-in-charge. (unit rate in – Per Hectares), Sl.No:2:Item Description:Preparation of Revised Detailed Project Report for Mahalaxmi Lift irrigation scheme for the increase in ICA of 7800 Ha from 6400 Ha by adopting present SOR and revised design parameters, as per standard guidelines of KNNL for approval of the scheme complete as directed by Engineer-in- Charge.(unit rate in–Per job), Sl.No:3:Item Description:Preparation and submission of C-plan and cut off statement for raising main and distributaries network including sub distributaries, laterals, sub laterals including soft copies in editable format without delinking data etc., complete as directed by the Engineer in charge. (unit rate in – Per Hectares)

ಟಿಪ್ಪಣಿ: ಮೇಲಿನ ಐಟಂ ಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ದರಗಳು ಜಿಎಸ್‌ಟಿಯಿಂದ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾಗಿರಬೇಕು (Excluding GST).

ದರ ವಿಚಾರಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ಸಮಯ: 20–1–2026 ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ (ದೂ.ಸಂ.08338 – 272485) ಅಥವಾ ಸಹಾಯಕ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರು ಕನೀನಿನಿ ಡಿಪಿ ಉಪ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಿಪ್ಪಾಣಿ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ, ಕಚೇರಿ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರು,
ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ಘಬದಂಕಾನಿ ವಿಭಾಗ–4, ಚಿಕ್ಕೋಡಿ

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1646/KSMCA/2025-26

IN THE COURT OF XVII ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU

OS No. 6217/2020 (CCH 16)

BETWEEN : 1. MRS. EUNICE RAMACHANDRAN, Daughter of Late N. Pooniah, Aged about 68 years. **2. MRS. SHEBA POONIAH** Daughter of Late N. Pooniah, Aged about 70 years. **3. MR. JOHN POONIAH** Son of Late N. Pooniah, Aged about 66 years. **4. MR. JAMES POONIAH** Son of Late Pooniah Aged about 58 years. All the above are residing at No.2, 3rd Cross, 10th A Street, 1st Block, Prakurti Township, Agara Main Road, Babusapalaya, Bengaluru - 560 043.

...PLAINTIFFS

AND : SMT. SUMITRAMMA, & Others

D5 : SMT. PRAMILA D/o Late Basavarajachari, W/o Sri. Ramesh, Aged about 35 years, Residing at Bagehalli Village, Bennerghatta Road, Anekal Taluk.

...DEFENDANTS

SUIT SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT NO 5 UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant No. 5 : SMT. PRAMILA, D/o Late Basavarajachari, W/o Sri. Ramesh, Aged about 35 years, Residing at: Bagehalii Village, Bennerghatta Road, Anekal Taluk.

Whereas, the Plaintiffs named above has filed the above suit for the To set aside judgment and decree passed in OS No. 5207 of 2011 by Hon'ble City Civil Session Judge, Bangalore City (CCH-32) dated 10th day of December 2018 which was obtained by fraud and misrepresentation and To grant perpetual injunction against the Defendants. The Hon'ble court posted the above case for appearance of Defendant No. 5 **on 19.02.2026 at 11.00 A.M.** Hence you are hereby summoned before the above said Court on the said date to defend the case either personally or through authorised agent on your behalf. If you fail to appear on the said date and place the case will be heard and disposed off in your absence.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of residential Site No.2 & 3, Katha No.85/1, in property No.85/1, Situated at Hormavu Agara Village, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, and East to West on Eastern Side : 58.6" On Southern Side : 57 sq.feet, North to South 64 feet, bounded on:- **East by** : 24 feet, wide road **West by** : Private property **North by** : House No.4 **South by** : House Site No. 1

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY OF PLAINTIFF NO.1

All the piece and parcel of residential immovable property South - Eastern Portion of property bearing Katha No. 1490/85/1, portion of Site No. 1, Situated at Hormavu Agara Village, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk with RCC Building and Electricity, Measuring East Side : 27 feet West Site : 28.6" feet Northern Side : 29 feet Southern Side 28.6"feet in all measuring 834 sq.feet and bounded as:- **East by** : 25 feet Road **West by** : Property of Eunice Ramachandran **North by** : 8 feet Passage **South by** : House Site No. 1

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY OF PLAINTIFF NO.2

All the piece and parcel of residential immovable property North - Western Portion of property bearing Katha No. 1490/85/1, portion of Site No. 1, Situated at Hormavu Agara Village, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk with RCC Building and Electricity Measuring East Side : 27'.6 feet West Site : 26.0" feet Northern Side 28.6 feet Southern Side 28.6"feet

In all measuring 808 sq.feet and bounded as

East by Property of Schedule D' James Ponnaiah **West by :** Property of House Sites **North by :** Site No.4 **South by :** 8 Feet Common passage.

SCHEDULE 'D' PROPERTY OF PLAINTIFF NO.3

All the piece and parcel of residential immovable property North - Eastern Portion of property bearing Katha No. 1490/85/1, portion of Site No. 1, Situated at Hormavu Agara Village, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk with RCC Building and Electricity Measuring, East Side : 28.6 feet West Site : 27.6" feet Northern Side : 30.0 feet Southern Side : 29.6"feet

In all measuring 759 sq.feet and bounded as

East by : 25 feet Road, **West by :** Property of John Ponniah, **North by :** House Site No. 8, **South by :** 8 feet Passage

SCHEDULE 'E' PROPERTY OF PLAINTIFF NO.4

All the piece and parcel of residential immovable property North - Western Portion of property bearing Katha No. 1490/85/1, portion of Site No. 1, Situated at Hormavu Agara Village, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk with RCC Building and Electricity Measuring East Side 28.6" feet, West Side 27.6" feet,

Northern Side 30.0" feet, Southern Side 29.6" feet.

In all measuring 833 sq.feet and bounded as

East by : Road **West by :** Property of John Ponniah **North by :** House Site No. 4 **South by :** 8 feet common passage.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on 08.01.2026.

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for the Plaintiff :

M/s. AR LEGAL FIRM

ADVOCATES & SOLICITORS

Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client's, **Smt. Divya Aswath,** Residing at: No.615, 2nd Main, Raghavendra Colony, Bilekahalli, Bengaluru-560007.

My Client's lost/misplaced following Original Documents, 1. Original Sale Deed dated 13/07/1993, executed by the Accountant General's Office Co-operative Housing Society Limited in favour of Sri.K.Aswatha son of Late.Krishnamurhty Rao, registered as Document No.3041/1993-94 of Book-I, Volume No.781, at Pages 25 - 28 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Kengeri, Bengaluru. A complaint dated 20-05-2025, bearing Lost Article Report No.1615688/2025 for the loss of Original Sale Deed, is lodged in this regard, If said original property document find it kindly return to the address below and if any objections from anybody may submit **within 15 days** from the date of publication of this public notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the corner site bearing No.98, Katha No.98/98, bearing E-PID No.7880760851, formed in the Accountant General's Office Co-operative Housing Society Ltd., Arehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru, Present BBMP Ward No.184 of Uttarahalli, Measuring East 60 Feet, West: 60 Feet, North 40 feet and South 40.06 Feet and bounded on:-East by Road, West by: Site No.99, North by: Road, South by: Site No.97

S.B. ANGADI ADVOCATE & ASSOCIATES

No-827/A, 1st Floor, 6th Main, 2nd Stage, WOC Road, Near Modi Hospital, Mahalakshmipuram, Bengaluru-560086. Mob: 9743497929,8050906949

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that, my Client intends to purchase the immovable property described in the SCHEDULE hereunder from its Vendor namely M/s Valby Ventures LLP, having its registered office at No.80, Unit 101, Ground Floor, 2nd Cross, 5th Main, 5th Block, Kormangala Industrial Area, Bengaluru-560 095 represented by its Designated Partners Mrs. Meenakshi G & Deepthi. B.

Any person having any right, title, claim or interest in the Schedule Property may notify the undersigned with documentary proof thereof **within 7 (seven) days** of this publication. If no such Notice/Objections is received by me within seven days from the date of publication of this Notice, it shall be presumed that the title of the aforesaid Vendor with respect to the Schedule Property is clear, marketable and free from all sorts of encumbrances and no person has any right, title, claim or interest of any kind whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property or any part thereof.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of vacant residential Site bearing No 23, measuring 1163 Sq ft, being a portion of undeveloped converted land for residential purpose bearing Sy.No.9/8 (Old Sy. No.9/4), measuring 1 Acre 39 Guntas including 0.04 Guntas Phoot Kharab, situated at Bilichikanahalli Village, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District

Bounded on the:

East by 30 feet Road (in front)

West by Villa Site No.31

North by 30 feet Road (side) and

South by Villa Site No.24.

Fathima Zohra, Advocate

at No 46/4, 3rd Floor, Anjaneya Temple Street. Marappa Garden, Benson Town Post Bengaluru 560 046

Cell No. 9620938102

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE XXXIX ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSION JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-40)

P & SC No. 08/2026

BETWEEN: SRI. BALASUBRAMANYAN K.G, S/o Late. K.S. Ganapathy Iyer, aged about 80 years, No.97, 1st R Block, 20th A Main Road, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru- 560 010 & OTHERS ...**PETITIONERS**

AND: -NIL- ...RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 R/W SECTION 151 OF CPC.

WHEREAS the Petitioners above named have made an application under Section 372 of the Hindu Succession Act for grant of Probate Certificate in respect of the WILL dt.26.06.1981 executed by K S Ganapathy Iyer in favour of Petitioners in respect of the schedule properties mentioned below and the Petitioners are the children's of K.S Ganapathy Iyer.

Interested parties are hereby named to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or by pleader duly instructed on **18/02/2026** at **11.00 AM.,** inform to show cause against the Petitioners failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as Ex-parte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ITEM NO-1 BELONGS TO SRI. BALASUBRAMANYAN K.G AS PER THE WILL

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: All the piece and parcel of the Property bearing Old No.97, then No.97/67/2, 20th A Main Road, 1st R Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010, now comes under BBMP Limits, Ward No.67, measuring east to west 50 feet and north to south 30 feet total measuring 1500 sq feet and bounded on: **East by:** Road, **West by:** C.A. Site, **North by:** Site No.98, **South by:** Site No.96

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

375 sq feet undivided right, title and interest in the land in Schedule A Property mentioned above.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY: All the piece and parcel of Property bearing **Municipal No.97-67/2,** E-PID No.9469293989, having carpet area of 500sq feet ground and 1st floor, 20th A Main Road, 1st R Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010, Constructed on A schedule Property with common rights of use and share in common area such as passages, lobbies, staircase and Terrace.

ITEM No.2 BELONGS TO SRI. RANGANATHA K.G AS PER THE WILL

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: All the piece and parcel of the Property bearing Old No.97, then No.97/67, 20th A Main Road, 1st R Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010, now comes under BBMP Limits, Ward No.67, measuring east to west 50 feet and north to south 30 feet total measuring 1500 sq feet and bounded on: **East by:** Road, **West by:** C.A. Site, **North by:** Site No.98, **South by:** Site No.96

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: 750 sq feet undivided right, title and interest in the land in Schedule A Property mentioned above.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY: All the piece and parcel of Property bearing Municipal No.97-67/2, E-PID No.9469293989, having carpet area of 750 sq feet ground and 1st floor, 20th A Main Road, 1st R Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010, Constructed on A schedule Property with common rights of use and share in common area such as passages, lobbies, staircase and Terrace.

ITEM No. 3 BELONGS TO SRI. K.G. NARAYANA @ NARAYANA KODUVAYUR GANAPATHY IYER AS PER THE WILL

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: All the piece and parcel of the Property bearing Old No.97, then No.97/67, 20th A Main Road, 1st R Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010, now comes under BBMP Limits, Ward No.67, measuring east to west 50 feet and north to south 30 feet total measuring 1500 sq feet and bounded on: **East by:** Road, **West by:** C.A. Site, **North by:** Site No.98, **South by:** Site No.96

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: 375 sq feet undivided right, title and interest in the land in Schedule A Property mentioned above.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY: All the piece and parcel of Property bearing Municipal No.97-67, E-PID No.6003457306, having built up area of 500 sq feet ground and 1st floor, 20th A Main Road, 1st R Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru- 560 010, Constructed on A schedule Property with common rights of used and share in common area such as passages, lobbies, staircase and Terrace.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on this 12/01/2026

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru

GIRISH, Advocate

#29/30, 58th Cross, 4th Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru- 560 010. Mob: 9845540992.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public that My Client **Mr. Veerabadraiah,** Residing at. Lingadeeragollahalli Village, Kundana Hobali Devanahalli Village, Bengaluru Rural District,. He Lost the Original Sale deed dated, 14/09/2015 Vide Registered Document No.DNH-1-05194/2015-16 ,Book-I, CD. No. DNHD 559, Registered in sub registrar office, Devanahalli and in this regard my client has already registered a Complaint with Bangalore City Police station Bangalore dated:12/01/2026 in Lost Report No.2005863/2026, If lost original document under the above said reference procured shall be treated as the original as certified copy, The title deeds in respect of the Schedule Property belongs to Mr. Veerabadraiah, Any person finds the above said documents may handover the same to the undersigned within 15 days from this day. If the said documents is misused by anybody, it shall not be binding on our clients and he/she/they shall be doing so at their own costs, risks and consequences.

SRINIVAS PRASAD, M.S. B.A. LLB. Advocate

No.116, 2nd Floor, 6th Cross, Patel Muniyappa Layout, V.N. Halli, R.T.Nagar Post, Hebbala, Bangalore -560032. Mob: 9880203128

E-mail: kvs.srinivasadv@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that my client **Sri. Lohit.S @ Lohit Shetty Raju S/o Sri. Shetty Raju,** residing at No.45, Kasturi Nivasa, 7th Main, 19th C Cross, BTM 2nd Stage, N.S.Palya, Bangalore South, Bengaluru-560 076, has **lost the following original documents, namely, (i)Absolute Sale Deed dated 14.09.1995** executed by (1)Sri.Muniswamy (2)Sri.Gopal, (3)Sri.Guru Murthy, (4)Sri.Manju, (5)Sri.Chinna Swamy, (6)Sri.Ramaiah, (7)Sri.Rajappa, (8)Sri.Muniyellappa, in favour of **Sri.S.V.Hariprasad,** represented by his father Sri.S.M.Rangaiah as GPA holder, is registered as Document No.5021/1995-96, in Book-1, Volume-4379, at pages 207 to 212, dated 15.09.1995, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk, in respect of Sy.No.96/6, measuring 22 guntas). **(ii)Absolute Sale Deed dated 14.09.1995** executed by (1)Sri.Muniswamy, (2)Sri.Gopal, (3)Sri.Guru Murthy, (4)Sri.Manju, (5)Sri.Chinna Swamy, (6)Sri.Ramaiah, (7)Sri.Rajappa, (8)Sri.Muniyellappa, in favour of **Sri.S.M.Rangaiah,** is registered as Document No.5022/1995-96, in Book-1, Volume-4384, at pages 24 to 29, dated 15.09.1995, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk, in respect of Sy.No.96/6, measuring 10 guntas) **(iii) Absolute Sale Deed dated 20.11.2003** executed by Sri.S.M.Rangaiah, and Sri.S.V.Hariprasad, in favour of **Sri.Lohit.S** S/o Setty Raju, represented by his Natural Guardian Grand-mother Smt.Muddamma, is registered as Document No.16384/2003-04, in Boook-1, stored in CD No.121, dated 02.12.2003, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk, in respect of Sy.No.96/6, measuring 32 guntas. **(iv) Confirmation Deed dated 28.06.2018** executed by Sri.Renukaradhya.R S/o Ramaiah, in favour of Sri.Lohit.S, is registered as Document No.BMH-1-02446-2018-19, Book-1, stored in CD No.BMHD793, in the office of the Bommanahalli (Jayanagar), Bengaluru, in respect 32 guntas of land in Sy.No.96/6, pertaining to the Schedule Property, for which he lodge a police complaint for lost of original documents before the Bengaluru City Police at **Lost Report No.2010549/2026 dated 15/01/2026.**

Notice is hereby given to Public and all concerned calling that, if any person is in possession of the aforesaid original documents pertaining to the Schedule Property, the same may kindly be hand it over to me or to my client within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. In the meanwhile Public and Financial Institutions are hereby put in notice, not to have any kind of dealings or create any charges based on the above documents without our knowledge. If any third person made any transaction over schedule property on the basis of aforesaid lost document, my client is not held responsible and same is not binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Undeveloped non-Agriculture property bearing converted Sy.No. 96/6, Old No.96 {Converted from agricultural to non-agricultural purpose vide Official Memorandum bearing No. B.Dis/ALN/SR/(S)/95/2003-04, dated 19/07/2003, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, measuring about 10 Guntas and Undeveloped non-Agriculture Converted Sy.No. 96/6, Old No.96 {Converted from agricultural to non-agricultural purpose vide Official Memorandum bearing No.B.Dis/ALN/SR/(S)/98/2003-04, dated 19/07/2003, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, measuring about 22 Guntas, both the properties are adjacent to each other, totally measuring 32 Guntas, situated at Doddathoguru Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the East by : Property belongs to Smt.Shantha; West by : Road; North by : Property belongs to Sri.Chinnappa; South by : Property belongs to Sri.Muniyappa;

Sri. H.A. Manjunatha Prasanna,

M/S CHAMPS ASSOCIATES

Advocates & Solicitors

No.11, G6, V.M.C. Complex, 10th Cross, Cubbonpete, Bengaluru-560 002.

Phone No. 9663375969

Bengaluru, Date: 16/01/2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our **client Sri. Prakesh Nandihal S/o Amarappa Nandihal,** R/o.Balakrishnaiah Puvvadi, 156/9J, 1st Floor, Shree Gouri Nilaya, Kempamma Layout, Shantiniketan Layout, Hulimavu, Bengaluru-560076, is intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from its owner **Smt. Bhagya .N W/o T.N. Ramachandrappa,** R/o # 44, Kanakpura Main Road, Taralu, Bangalore South, more fully described in the Schedule herein below.

If anybody is having any objections/claims/ disputes in respect of the above transactions, they may contact us with documentary proof within 07 days from the date of publication, failing which my client will proceed with sale transaction with the owner as if there are no objections/claims/disputes in respect of the property and thereafter no objections will be entertained.

SCHEDULE

(PROPERTY HEREBY AGREED TO BE CONVEYED)

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Vacant Residential Site No.121, presently Grama Panchayath Katha bearing No.295/121, dated 29/12/2025 issued by Taralu Grama Panchayat , carved out of Residential converted land comprised in Sy.No.163/3, Grama Panchayat Katha No.150200301500323741, Situated at Taralu Village, Uttara Halli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, the layout known as "SLV GARDENS", Taralu Grama Panchayat, measuring 1220 Sq.ft., and bounded on the:

East : Property bearing Site No.122, West : Property bearing Site No 120, North : Property bearing Site No.112, South : Road.

Advocate **Shailaja Venkat,**

Shailaja Law Associates, No.29, 4th Main, Arekere Mico layout, BG Road, Bangalore.

PH: 9972233600

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM

Commissionerate of Tourism, 5th Floor, Indhana Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bangalore - 560009,

E-mail : **director@karnatakatourism.org** Ph. 080-22352828 FAX : 080-22352626

Karnataka One State, Many worlds Department of Tourism

NO: DOT/YO-01/16/2025-26 **Date: 16.01.2026**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Executive Engineer, Department of Tourism, Invited the Tender for Selection of Consultant for Development of Master Plan for Development of world Heritage UNESCO Sites Belur Halebeedu and Somanathapura as Tourist Destination (Tender No: DT/2025-26/SE0122) at **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** This tender Pre bid Meeting Date: **22.01.2026 15:00 Hrs**, Last Date for submitting proposals: **30.01.2026 14:00 Hrs.** The details of the Tender & Calendar of Events are available at **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Portal.

Postponement of Calendar of events (if any), subsequent notification, changes, amendments, and selection/rejection of proposal shall be intimated only through Karnataka public procurement portal and will not be published in newspapers. Department of Tourism reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders received without assigning any reasons thereof.

Sd/-

Executive Engineer, And Tender Inviting Authority,

DIPR/CP/5060/NR/2025-26 **Department of Tourism**

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]

Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Ramnivas Chauhan (Borrower) Mansa Devi (Co - Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006646266	All That Residential Apartment Bearing No.fg 168, In The Ground Floor Of Block-f, In The Residential Building Known And Called As "Ittina Neela" Built In Schedule 'a' Property Having A Super Built-up Area Of 550 Sq.ft., Inclusive Of Proportionate Share In Common Areas, Passages, Lobbies, Staircase And Other Areas Together With 165 Sq.ft., Undivided Share, Right, Title And Interest In The Schedule 'a' Property, Out Of The Total Land Of Above Said Schedule 'a' Property And In The Said Apartment The Doors Are Make Of Flush Doors, Steel Windows And Tiles Flooring Situated At Andapura Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore	Rs. 12,06,036/- (as on January 06, 2026)	Rs. 11,00, 000/- / Rs. 1,10, 000/-	February 03, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	February 16, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
2.	Mr. M U Risheal (Borrower) Shuguftha B K (Guarantor) Loan Account Number LBBNG00005943790	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Residential Immovable Property Bearing Site Nos.21 And 22, BBMP Katha NO.58/1/58/1P1/21 And 22, Ward No.11, New Bbmp Katha No.259/58/1P1/21&22, Formed In Converted Old Sy. No.58/1, New Sy. No. 58/1P1, Duly Converted For Non-agricultural Residential Purpose Vide Order NO.BDS.ALN.SR (NA)4/2004-05, Dated: 09/07/2004, Issued By The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, Situated At Jarakabande Kaval (J.B. Kaval) Village, Yalahanka Hobli, Yalahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, Measuring :- East To West : 60-0 Feet North To South : 39-0 Feet In All Measuring : 2340 Square Feet And Bounded On The :- East By : Site No.23 West By : Site No.20, North By : Private Property, South By : Road	Rs. 90,71, 102.65/- (as on January 06, 2026)	Rs. 1,52,00, 000/- / Rs. 15,20, 000/-	February 06, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	February 16, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

The online auction will be conducted on the website (https://assets.matexauctions.com) of our auction agency M/s Matex Technologies Limited The Mortgagors/ Noticees are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by February 13, 2026 before 04:00 PM else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule.

The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 Branch on or before February 13, 2026 by 05:00 PM Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before February 13, 2026 by 05:00 PM along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 Branch on or before February 13, 2026 by 05:00 PM Earnest Money Deposit DD/ PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable at Bangalore

For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No. 7304918084.

Please note that the Marketing agencies 1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited, 2. Augeo Assets Management Private Limited 3. Matex Net Pvt. Ltd., 4. Finvin Estate Deal Technologies Pvt Ltd, 5. Girnarsoft Pvt Ltd, 6. Hecta Prop Tech Pvt Ltd, 7. Arca Emart Pvt Ltd, 8. Novel Asset Service Pvt Ltd, 9. Nobroker Technologies Solutions Pvt Ltd., have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date : January 17, 2026 Authorized Officer

Place: Bengaluru ICICI Bank Limited

AXIS BANK Retail Lending and Payment Group (Local Office/Branch): Axis Bank Ltd, # 45 Prestige Libra, 1st Floor, Regional Passport Office, Near: Urvashi Theatre, Lalbagh Road, Lalbagh, Bangalore-560 027.

Axis Bank Ltd., 3rd Floor, Gigaplex, NPC – 1, TTC Industrial Area, Mugalsan Road, Airoli, Navi Mumbai – 400 708. Registered Office: "Trishul", 3rd Floor Opp. Samartheshwar Temple Law Garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad – 380006.

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Public notice for Sale/Auction of immovable properties {Under SARFAESI Act read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules}

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property is mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the **physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Secured Creditor will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is"** on **04.02.2026** for recovery of **Rs.44,91,663/- (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Ninety One Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Three Only) being the amount due as on 31.12.2025** with future interest and costs due to the secured creditor from **(1) Kantha Reddy,** No. 42/45, 1st Main Road, Munali Store Bytarayanapura, Bangalore 560092, **Also at: Kantha Reddy,** Aadi Basaveshwara Enterprisses 53 G Block Behind Hdfc Bank Sahakarnagar Bangalore-560092, **(2) Vidya T C,** No. 42/45, 1st Main Road, Munali Store Bytarayanapura, Bangalore 560092, **Also at:** Tarur Post Sira Taluk Kallambella, Tumkur - 572125. Please refer the appended auction schedule for necessary details:-

Known Encumbrances (If any)	**NIL**
Reserve Price (in Rs.)	**Rs.35,55,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs Fifty five Thousand Only)**
Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.)	**Rs.3,55,000/-(Rupees Three Lakhs Fifty five Thousand Only) through DD/PO in favor of 'Axis Bank Ltd.' payable at Bangalore.**
Bid Incremental Amount	**Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand only)**
Last Date, Time and Venue for Submission of Bids / Tender with EMD	**Till 03.02.2026 latest by 05:00 P.M.** at Axis Bank Ltd, # 45 Prestige Libra, 1st Floor, Regional Passport Office, Near: Urvashi Theatre, Lalbagh Road, Lalbagh, Bangalore-560027, Addressed to **Mr. Raghunath**
Date, Time, and Venue for Public Auction	**On 04.02.2026, between 11.00 A.M and 12.00 Noon** with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each at web portal **https://www.bankeauctions.com.** e-auction tender documents containing e-auction bid form, declaration etc., are available on the website of the Service Provider as mentioned above.

DETAILS OF MORTGAGED PROPERTIES: SCHEDULE-A: All that piece and parcel of adjacent portions of Immovable Property bearing Sy. No.78/6, totally measuring an extent of 7.08 Guntas situated in Thindu Village,Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, converted vide order of special Deputy Commissioner dated 23.04.2005, bearing No. ALN (NAY) SR: 73/08-09, dated 01.12.2008, BBMP Katha No.1541/78/6 and bounded on: East By : Road, West By : Muniswamappa Property, North By : Veerabhadra Temple, South By : Rudregowda & Srinivas Property.

SCHEDULE-B: All that piece and parcel 404.56 Sq. ft. and undivided share, right, title, and interest in the mentioned Schedule "A" Property.

SCHEDULE-C: All that piece and parcel of Residential Flat bearing No. 204(S-06), in Second Floor, in the building known as "UNIQUE FLORENCE", measuring 856 Sq. ft, of super built up area, containing one bedroom, living cum dining, Room, kitchen, toilet, vitrified flooring etc., including proportionate share in common areas such as passage, lobbies, lift and staircase, etc., together with one covered car parking in the stilt floor and present BBMP Katha No.1541/78/6/S-06.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the secured creditor's website i.e. https://www.axisbank.com/auction-retail and the Bank's approved service provider M/S C1 India Private Limited at their web portal https://www.bankeauctions.com

The auction will be conducted online through the Bank's approved service provider M/s.C1 India Private Limited at their web portal https://www.bankeauctions.com.

For any other assistance, the intending bidders may contact **Mr. Raghunath & Mr.Karthick.R at Axis Bank Ltd,** # 45 Prestige Libra, 1st Floor, Regional Passport Office, Near: Urvashi Theatre, Lalbagh Road, Lalbagh, Bangalore-560027 **(Mobile No.9886960484 & +91-9080589635, Authorized officer of the Bank during office hours from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

This Notice should be considered as 15 Days' Notice to the Borrowers/ Co-borrowers/Guarantors under Rule 8(6) & 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) (Amendment) Rules, 2002.

Date : 14.01.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**

Place: Bangalore **AXIS BANK LTD.,**

SBI Thubarahalli Branch #526, 8th Main, BEML Layout Thubarahalli, Bengaluru - 560066

GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given for the information of, concerned that Gold ornaments pledged with **State Bank of India, Thubarahalli Branch** of the borrower have not returned the amount, after issued the Notice also. It will be Auctioned on **28.01.2026 by 4 PM** with present market price, in SBI Branch. For More details Contact: 9480811755, 9832143848.

Customer Name	Loan Account	Amount Outstanding (Excluding Int)	Net Weight in Gms.	Gross Weight in Gms.
Mr. Kanaparthi Akhilesh	43625955714	Rs.54,000/-	11.00	17.5

Date : 16.01.2026 **Sd/-**

Place : Bangalore **Branch Manager**

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru - 560 020

No:BDA/EE/HPD-1/TEN/T-561&562/2025-26 Date:16.01.2026

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

(Through GoK e-Procurement platform https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/)

Bangalore Development Authority has invited tender for Improvement works of Kanaminike Housing Project (Indent Number: BDA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT186 and BDA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT187)

Tender Schedule is as below.

Tender Schedule: (1) Date of availability of Tender Documents in e-portal: **16.01.2026 (2)** Last date and time for submission of Tender Pre-Bid enquiries: **19.01.2026, 3.00 P.M. (3)** Last date and time for submission of Tender: **27.01.2026, 4.00 P.M. (4)** Date of opening Technical Bid of Tender: **28.01.2026 after 4.30 P.M.**

Interested contractors can view further details on **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and for more details it is requested to contact the Housing Project Division-1 of BDA during office hours.

Note: For any reason if there is delay in uploading the Tender Documents in e-portal, the revised/modified Tender Schedule will only be published in e-portal.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, HPD-1 Division, BDA,Bengaluru

GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR

PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Notice No. CE/PHE/SA/2-474/2026/**3983**

dated: 16.01.2026

It is hereby notified that e-tender process for the following work – **i) Construction to rehabilitate old sewer line in the Western District of Imphal, Manipur. (SH: Construction to rehabilitate old sewer line in the Western District of Imphal, Manipur), ii) Construction for upgradation of 27 MLD Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP) in Imphal City (SH: Construction for upgradation of 27 MLD Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP) in Imphal City), iii) Construction of 24 MLD Water Treatment Plant (WTP) at Iroishemba & iv) Construction for Upgradation of Mapao Khullen Water Supply Scheme** have been initiated.

The details can be obtained from the website https:/manipurtenders.gov.in

Sd/-

Chief Engineer, PHED

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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **HDFC Bank Limited** (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with HDFC Bank Limited by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) **(HDFC)** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice/s, within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice/s, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notices are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to **HDFC,** within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below in their respective names, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notices from the respective dates mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and / or realization, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset(s) have been mortgaged to **HDFC** by the said Borrower (s) respectively.

Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative (s)	Total Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Description of Secured Asset in respect of which Security Interest has been created
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(f)
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T20 WC: ICC officials to visit B'desh for final negotiation

A two-member team of the ICC will land in Dhaka on Saturday to resolve the deadlock surrounding Bangladesh's participation in next month's T20 World Cup in India, hoping to allay their security concerns having already indicated that a change of venue is impractical. angladesh has been asking the global governing body to relocate its matches, scheduled to be held in Kolkata and Mumbai, on the pretext of a perceived security threat to its players.

India's confusing experiment with all-rounder Nitish

Team management want to invest but are playing him without fully trusting his skills

GOMESH S @ Chennai

WITH Nitish (Reddy), we keep talking about developing him and getting him game time and then when you do get him game time, he often ends up not doing a heck of a lot in the games." That was India assistant coach, Ryan ten Doeschate, on Nitish after the hosts lost to New Zealand in the second ODI. "For someone who's making their way, particularly with the bat tonight (Wednesday), it was that perfect chance where you're walking in that situation and you've got a chance to spend 15 overs at the wicket. You really have to take those chances to push your case to be selected," the Dutchman went on to add.

Playing only his third ODI, Reddy batted at No 7 in Rajkot, where he scored 20 off 21 before bowling only two overs for 13 runs. For someone who is considered more of a batting all-rounder, Reddy has been in the scheme of things across formats over the last 18 months. More often than not as Hardik Pandya's back-up in white-ball cricket. In fact, head coach Gautam Gambhir backed Reddy's presence in the squad despite not bowling much during the West Indies Test series. Which is why Ten Doeschate's comments come as a surprise. India batter Hanuma Vihari called it 'disappointing.' "It's been a year since he got his Test hundred, but he (Reddy) got limited opportunities in white-ball cricket," Vihari told this daily. "He got four T20Is, which he's done decently well. I know it was against Bangladesh in some of the games but he has played only three ODIs. How can you say that he's not done enough? I don't think anyone can do much only if you bowl two overs. In the 30 possible overs, he bowled seven in ODIs. So, it's not fair to judge him this early. For anyone, for an all-rounder to be judged, he should be at least playing 10 to 15 ODIs to actually see where he is at and if he's not good enough, then send him back to domestic cricket, ask him to prove his worth," the 32-year-old added.

Vihari believes the 22-year-old is the best seam bowling all-rounder in domestic cricket after Pandya. He felt that Reddy's minimal usage with the ball in the home Tests (against South Africa and West Indies) showed the lack of trust from the team management. "If you show trust in him, he'll gain confidence eventually. Only if he bowls in the match, he'll get his confidence. He can't get his confidence in the nets. Giving a fair chance is what I believe in. Not just making him bat at 7 or 8 and then not getting to bowl. I don't think it's a fair opportunity for him," said Reddy's former Andhra captain.

The question of Reddy being a regular in the playing XI comes with the 2027 World Cup in the picture. With the global event to be played in South Africa, Namibia and Zimbabwe, India may not be able to field more than one specialist spinner and will need a back-up all-rounder for Pandya. Vihari feels Reddy is that option. "If Hardik is fit, then nothing like it. You can't have Nitish and Hardik both in the sid ebut if Hardik isn't fit, with the injury concerns he's had over the years, then the best option is Nitish for me. I've seen enough domestic cricket over the years. If you see the reality, there's no one at the level of Hardik. Otherwise, they would have played international cricket by now. But even at the level of Nitish, I don't see anyone. What Nitish brings to the table is he can bat at top 6 easily if he is groomed. And he can give you 4-5 overs in ODI cricket. I don't think anyone in domestic cricket will be able to do that in international level," Vihari said.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Iyer, Bishnoi in T20I team, Sundar out

Shreyas Iyer and Ravi Bishnoi have been added to the squad for the five T20Is against New Zealand. Meanwhile, off-spinning all-rounder Washington Sundar, who was injured, has been ruled out of the series. It remains to be seen whether he gets fit in time for the T20 World Cup.

Barca edge Racing to enter quarterfinals

BARCELONA: Ferran Torres and Lamine Yamal fired Barcelona to a 2-0 win over Racing Santander and into the Copa del Rey quarter-finals on Thursday. The Spanish internationals' strikes helped holders Barca defeat second division leaders Racing to progress from a surprisingly tight last 16 clash and record an 11th consecutive victory across all competitions. The hosts had two goals disallowed for offside and record 32-time winners Barca did just enough to claim victory. After a tight first-half, Barcelona continued to push forward in the second half and Rashford had a shot tipped away and also drilled narrowly wide. Eventually the Spanish champions took the lead through Torres.

Deja vu for Lakshya, goes down to Lin yet again

ANMOL GURUNG @ New Delhi

A dejected Lakshya Sen after losing to Lin Chun-Yi at the India Open | PARVEEN NEGI

SPORTS can be harsh sometimes. Just when it seemed like shuttler Lakshya Sen was on the verge of steadying his ship and potentially challenging for the big prizes, the Indian hit a roadblock in the form of Lin Chun-Yi of Chinese Taipei on Friday, an opponent who has proven to be a thorn for the World No 14.

His latest setback couldn't have come at the wrong time as Lakshya, with his tails up after a commanding win just 24 hours earlier, was seeking to keep the Indian flag flying at the ongoing India Open here. The commitment, as always, was unquestionable. His range of skills were also clearly visible but he just couldn't cope with the heat in the dying minutes as Lin, who's ranked World No 12, silenced the home crowd to end the Indian challenge in the marquee event. The final score read 17-21, 21-13, 21-18 in Lin's favour. "It was a very close match and could have been a little more clinical towards the end. But credit to him, he played a really solid game," Lakshya said post-match.

History favoured the left-handed Lin but Lakshya was locked in for the task ahead. Despite early signs of nerves, he gradually found his rhythm. It was a see-saw battle at the start with both players trading points. But it was the Indian who took a two-point lead heading into the first 20-second break. With some speedy exchanges here and there, it was a gripping watch in the mid-stages. But Lakshya, after reeling off four consecutive points, took control of the proceedings before closing out the game.

Although Lakshya had taken a big step by capturing the opening game, the task was far from over though. He had been in this territory in their past meetings. In two of his previous three losses, the 24-year-old had experienced a similar situation but had gone to lose the plot.

The momentum was on his side, Lakshya made a fast start and had a 5-2 lead. A phase of play that saw a couple of good smashes and a sharp return, he seemed to be on the ascendancy. But that's when Lin course-corrected, forcing Lakshya to err on several occasions. The crowd was suddenly quiet. Lin, after reeling off nine consecutive points, had a healthy lead of 11-5. "I think in today's (Friday) match, I was not prepared for the wind. There was a little bit more wind than yesterday (Thursday), so it took me some time to realize the same. I was a bit shaky from the net to lift the shuttle and I made so many errors just from the front," he later said when queried about that particular phase of play.

Even in Game 3, Lakshya had a decent lead but Lin, showing his ability to adapt and find solutions, continued to apply the pressure on his opponent. In the end, Lakshya, clearly in a position of disadvantage while trying to retrieve the shuttle, fell to the ground and lay flat on his stomach on the floor. It was a moment of Deja vu as the crowd stood silent. Lin, meanwhile, walked away as a worthy winner. "I think he likes to play fast, but I adjust my strategy according to the situation," Lin said after the match, when asked about his dominant record against the Indian.

Lakshya, meanwhile, also rued his inability to kill the game. "I think the third set, it was much more of a pressure game where both of us were trying to keep the attack. But again, the whole match, it was very close and it was important for me to finish off," he said.

RESULTS

MS: J Christie bt 5-C Popov 21-19, 21-19; Loh Kean Yew bt 2-Kunlavut Vitidsarn 14-21, 21-15, 21-17; Victor Lai bt CHi Yu Jen 21-18, 17-21, 21-15; Lin Chun-Yi bt Lakshya Sen 17-21, 21-13, 21-18; **MD:** Aaron Chia/Soh Wooi Yik bt Lee Jhe-Huei/Yang Po-Hsuan 21-19, 21-14; Kang Min Hyuk/Ki Dong Ju bt Takuro Hoki/Yugo Kobayashi 21-18, 14-21, 21-18; Hiroki Midorikawa/Kyoshei Yamashita bt Liu Kuang Heng/Yang po Han 21-16, 21-18; 4-Liang Wei Keng/Wang Chang bt 5-Man Wei Chong/Kai Wun Tee 21-15, 15-21, 21-19; **WS:** Wang Zhi Yi bt Natsuki Nidaira 20-22, 21-13, 21-9; 4-Chen Yu Fei bt Han Yue 21-8, 21-18; AN Se Young bt Putri Kusuma Wardani 21-16, 21-8; Ratchanok Intanon bt Beiwen Zhang 21-16, 21-12; **WD:** Liu Sheng Shu/Tan Ning bt Li Yi Jing/Luo Xu Min 21-14, 21-15; Baek Ha Na/Lee So Hee bt Hsu Ya Ching/Sung Yu-Hsuan 21-19, 21-9; 5-Yuki Fukshima/Mayu Matsumoto bt Jeong Na Eun/Lee Yeon 21-10, 21-10; Pearly Tan/Thinaah Miuralitharan bt Hsieh Pei Shan/Hung En-Tzu 21-16, 21-10.

This Canadian Victor is making heads turn

ANMOL GURUNG @ New Delhi

JUST 12 or so months ago, Viktor Axelsen, a name that needs no introduction, had maintained his usual high standards to capture the men's singles crown, wowing the crowd in the process at the India Open here. Axelsen, however, is not part of the ongoing edition of the Super 750 meet as he is yet to recover from a surgery last year. In his absence, his namesake, Victor Lai, is quietly making people sit up and take notice in the ongoing edition of the BWF World Tour meet. If Axelsen is a legend, Lai is an up-and-coming talent who has dreams to emulate the former in the future. On Friday, he came a step closer to achieving what Axelsen has done on numerous occasions in the past editions here at the Indira Gandhi Sports Complex.

Lai was made to sweat though. After 90-minutes of gruelling dog-fight against his opponent Chi Yu Jen of Chinese Taipei, the World No 19 finally got over the line (21-18, 17-21, 21-15 in Lai's favour) to enter the men's singles semifinal. The importance of this success can't be overstated. Until last August, not many were aware of Lai's existence. Not until he, also juggling his studies then, had shot to fame out of nowhere by posting some monstrous scalps at the World Championships in Paris to end up with bronze. "The Worlds was...no words, it was just unbelievable. Everyone would say the same. Nobody expected me to go to the semifinals. Even in the semifinals, I played so well against the World No 1. I'm very proud of the way that I played, on the biggest stage there is. Other than the Olympics, the Worlds is the biggest," he recalled.

Victor Lai of Canada in action at India Open | PARVEEN NEGI

But since then, he had largely struggled to cope with the demands of the sport at the elite level. "After that it was actually tough just because people got to learn about me. Once they know your name, they start to study you, they start to watch you. I'm not a no name anymore. It was quite hard. After the Worlds, I couldn't find much success."

It's no wonder that he's a relieved man to be producing noteworthy performances since the start of the new season. "Last week was pretty satisfying. I'm pretty proud of the way I have played and how I could make it to the semifinals," Lai said after Friday's match. This is incidentally his best-ever performance at this level — first semifinal appearance at the Super 750 level in his second attempt (at this level) so far. When pointed about the common name, Lai, with a warm smile, was visibly in awe of the Danish legend. "He is a two-time Olympic champion. He has won the India Open many times. I guess it's cool we have the same name but my dream is to be as successful as him."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Why MICT has struggled this year

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Chennai

Defending champions MI Cape Town have not been at their best in SA20 2026

TWO wins in eight matches (Two washouts) — this is the current record defending champions MI Cape Town (MICT) has to show for this SA20 season. With play-off positions still up for grabs, the next two games for MICT will be virtual knockouts.

On paper, they looked the best team before the season began, despite losing Dewald Brevis. He was signed for a record fee (16.5 million rand) in the auction last year by Pretoria Capitals (PC). However, things have not gone their way this season.

Former Proteas wicketkeeper and SA20 Ambassador Mark Boucher also was taken aback with the form, and felt that the middle-order misfiring may be the reason behind the dismal season. "I think their poor performances hurt them quite a bit," Boucher said in a virtual interaction facilitated by SA20. "Up front, Ryan Rickleton's done well. I see (Rassie) van der Dussen has performed at certain times. But I think it's just the middle order that they've really struggled with. It's difficult to put your finger on what's gone wrong. Maybe one or two players are just out of form and that happens. Unfortunately in T20 cricket, there's no place to hide. If you don't hit form at the start of the competition, It's always going to be tough to put it back," he explained.

West Indies batter Nicholas Pooran, English wicketkeeper-batter Tom Moores and South African all-rounder Jason Smith have not lived up to their reputation consistently. However, the former Mumbai Indians head coach did not rule out their chances of qualifying. "You can never write off any MI team when they come good usually towards the back end and they've got a history of not starting well in competitions. But if they can they can win two of their next games with bonus points and hopefully one or two results go there their way, they can still qualify."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Jadeja smashes ton as Saurashtra enter final

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Vishvaraj Jadeja hit a hundred to take Saursahtra into final | PTI

VISHVARAJ Jadeja's unbeaten helped Saurashtra beat Punjab by nine wickets and enter the Vijay Hazare Trophy final here on Friday. They will face Vidarbha in the summit clash on Sunday. After Saurashtra bowlers did an excellent job in limiting Punjab to a sub-par 291, Jadeja sent the bowlers to the washers in his 127-ball innings (18x4s, 3x6s). The powerful right-hander received was accompanied by his opening partner Harvik Desai (64), with whom he raised 172 runs in just 23 overs, and Prerak Mankad (52 not out) as Saurashtra chased down the target in just 39.3 overs. Jadeja and Mankad milked 121 runs for the unbroken second wicket partnership. Saurashtra started the chase on a fortuitous note, having received five penalty runs as Punjab batters ran on the restricted areas while batting in their innings. Saurashtra did not squander that sign of luck, following it up with a befitting batting effort. Jadeja and Desai combined to eke out 23 runs off pacer Krish Bhagat in the seventh over, and they seldom let the momentum taper off. Jadeja brought up his fifty in 29 balls, and then settled into a calmer rhythm, taking a further 45 balls to reach his third List A hundred.

Brief scores: Punjab 291 in 50 ovs (Anmolpreet 100, Prabhsimran 87; C Sakariya 4/60) **lost to** Saurashtra 293/1 in 39.3 ovs (V Jadeja 165 n.o, H Desai 64).

NEW YEAR, NEW CHALLENGES FOR GUKESH

A new years tends to bring with it a clean slate, especially for athletes. That may well be true for D Gukesh, who endured a mixed 2025 after becoming the youngest world champion. 2026, though, brings with it a loaded schedule for the teen. A look at what it's in store starting with the opener at The Netherlands...

WIJK AAN ZEE AN IMPORTANT START

Last year, Gukesh, post all the festivities back home, landed a few hours before the opening match. He constantly topped the leaderboard before losing to compatriot R Praggnanandhaa in the tie-break. This year, the Indian begins against World Cup winner Javokhir Sindarov on Saturday. It's an immediate opportunity to lay down a marker There's also the likes of Matthias Bluebaum, Anish Giri, Vincent Keymer and Arjun Erigaisi. Some of those could emerge as the Candidate to face him. Others are at the top of their game. Do well here and he instantly quieten the noise around him.

FEWER EXHIBITION EVENTS

Even as the chess world questioned the legitimacy of Gukesh's title, the teen didn't allow that from playing in a lot of events, including exhibition match-ups. In 2026, expect him to not play in as many events. You can already see his thought process as he withdrew from the Tata Steel Rapid and Blitz in Kolkata a few days before the meet. Most of his attention this year is going to be towards defending the Classical World Championship title. Of course, he will not know his contender till April second week but there will be a camp as well as putting together his team closer to the event. Coach Grzegorz Gajewski will be by his side but there will be some change of personnel.

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

OTHER MEETS: He has not officially announced his calendar but it won't be as heavy as last year. But he does face an interesting dilemma with respect to the Total World Championship, the inaugural edition which will be played in October. He has qualified as world champion. The event could be held in India and he may want to take part in it irrespective.

OLYMPIAD WILL BE KEY

Apart from the Worlds, Gukesh will be targetting the Olympiad to remind the world that he retains the power that turbocharged him towards the narrative-shattering gold in 2022. It put him in the public consciousness for the first time. In 2024, he retained that individual gold from Board 1 apart from winning team gold. Team events is something he loves taking part because of the different dynamics it offers. Considering it will be held in September, it's an ideal time for him to feature in it as he can use it as final prep before his title.

EXPRESS READ

FC Goa players, including Jhingan accept pay cut

NEW DELHI: FC Goa players, including India captain Sandesh Jhingan, and support staff have accepted pay cut for the truncated Indian Super League (ISL) season beginning February 14, the club said. The Goan club said in a statement that it had "honest and difficult conversations" with the players and support staff.

No Rahul, Prasidh for Karnataka Ranji tie

BENGALURU: India Test opener KL Rahul and pacer Prasidh Krishna were not named in the squad as Karnataka State Cricket Association announced their team for the Ranji Trophy match against Madhya Pradesh beginning January 22.

U-19 WC: India start favourites vs B'desh

BULAWAYO: Seeking to continue their confident start to the tournament, a well-balanced India will begin as firm favourites despite facing a tricky Bangladesh in their second match of the ICC U-19 World Cup here Saturday.

Shreyanka takes fifer as RCB beat GG in WPL

NAVI MUMBAI: Shreyanka Patil took a fifer (5/23) after Radha Yadav (66 off 47) and Richa Ghosh (44 off 28) shared a century stand as Royal Challengers Bengaluru beat Gujarat Giants in a Women's Premier League match here on Friday. Set a target of 183, Giants could were bundled out for 150 in 18.5 overs.

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DAY'S DIARY

Search suspended

The search for Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 was announced to be suspended, today in 2017, after three years of its disappearance

THE DISAPPEARANCE

The flight, carrying 239 passengers, was scheduled to fly from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing on March 8, 2014. Air traffic control lost contact with it within 60 minutes of the flight

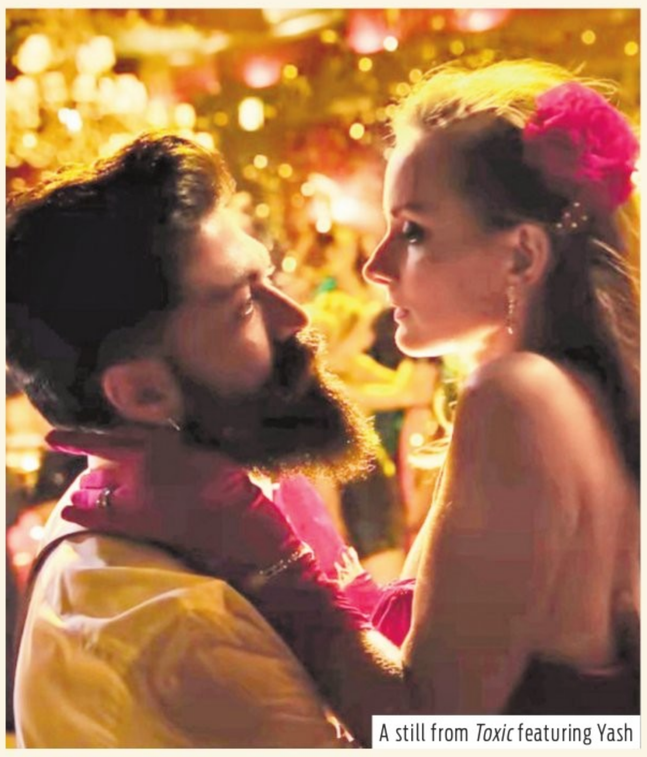
INITIAL SEARCH

On March 18, 2014, a search in the southern Indian Ocean was led by Australia, with the participation of aircraft from several countries

AVIATION MYSTERY

The search for the flight MH370 was called off after three years in 2017, becoming one of the greatest aviation mysteries of all time unsolved

A teaser meant to generate buzz has instead sparked debate, with *Toxic* drawing sharp reactions over its portrayal of female objectification, prompting the city to weigh in on where cinemas should draw the line



A still from *Toxic* featuring Yash

TOXICITY IN QUESTION

SRUTHI HEMACHANDRAN & ANJALI RAM

JUST as the 'explosive' teaser of *Toxic* dropped, the internet went into a frenzy for obvious reasons. An intimate scene featuring actor Beatriz Taufenbach and Rocking Star Yash quickly grabbed headlines, drawing criticism from a section of netizens who felt the visuals leaned into misogyny, female objectification, aggressive masculinity and mass appeal.

Soon after, old interview clips of Yash and the film's director, Geethu Mohandas, resurfaced online. The duo had earlier spoken about preferring films that could be watched with family. The filmmakers' past stance on misogyny was also called out during the social media hullabaloo. Additionally, Taufenbach recently deactivated her Instagram account amid the backlash.

Toxic also stars Nayanthara, Kiara Advani, Huma Qureshi, Tara Sutaria and Rukmini Vasanth.

The debate intensified when the Women's Commission wrote to the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC), urging action after the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) lodged a complaint over the alleged obscene scenes in the teaser. Notably, contents uploaded on YouTube doesn't come under the purview of CBFC and the board's jurisdiction is limited to films intended for public display in theatres.

While some argue that the portrayal of exaggerated masculinity is meant to underline the character's masculinity, others believe it sends the opposite message, especially with a star of Yash's stature and his massive influence at the centre of it. Many also opine that it is too early to react, especially with the film set to hit the big screens on March 19, clashing with the second installment of Ranveer Singh-starrer *Dhurandhar 2*.

As opinions continue to polarise, *CE* speaks to city dwellers to gauge their views on the controversy.

ANANYA MANJUNATH, ADVOCATE

The trailer put me off because it gave the same vibe as *Animal*. I don't blame Yash for wanting to try something new. It's unfair to expect him to make movies in the same genre without expanding his portfolio. But, it is essential for Yash to be mindful of the kind of movies he makes, not just from a safe-for-family-viewing perspective, but more importantly, because his majority fan base consists of young boys who consider him and his characters as idols to follow. He should be mindful of the message the character in the movie sends out.

SIDDU MOOLIMANI, ACTOR

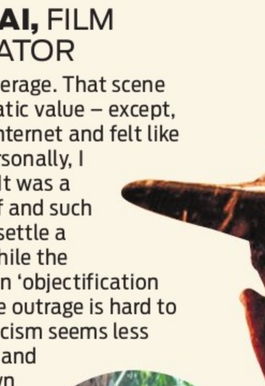
My first reaction to the *Toxic* teaser was jaw-dropping as I had been waiting for it, and it felt raw, bold, and unapologetic – every frame carried attitude and intensity. It promises a cinematic experience that's stylish, gritty and powerful. I have also seen the old video of Yash's statement that resurfaced after the teaser. We should normalise things as we grow; cinema is evolving in terms of making, story, and acting, and Yash has too. Earlier, romance in cinema was depicted differently; now people are becoming more accepting of it.

ANUPAMA RAJ, CONTENT CREATOR

As long as a film isn't misleading, offensive or intentionally harmful to the sentiments of any community or group, exploring different shades as an actor should be acceptable. For now, I'd reserve judgment until the full film is out. The discussion around Toxic also seems amplified by external factors – who is directing the film and the expectations previously set about the kind of cinema she would be associated with. A lot of the noise feels driven by rage-bait culture, where strong opinions help fuel conversation around a film.

PRANAV MADHU, DATA SCIENTIST

I was surprised to say the least. I don't think I've ever seen a teaser like that. Regarding Yash's previous statement on not doing scenes that arent family friendly – personally, I always take what actors say in interviews with a pinch of salt. Hypocrisy is to be expected. Although one could argue artistic creativity here, I'd say it was not done tastefully. Considering Yash's fanbase and the influence he has over people, the women's panel is right in their fears. One major issue is the lack of a warning or disclaimer.



ANJALI R PILLAI, FILM CONTENT CREATOR

The teaser was fairly average. That scene didn't add much cinematic value – except, perhaps, to divide the internet and felt like calculated ragebait. Personally, I didn't find it offensive. It was a woman enjoying herself and such moments inevitably unsettle a conservative society. While the discourse has focused on 'objectification of women,' the selective outrage is hard to ignore. Much of the criticism seems less about feminist concern and more about pulling down Geethu Mohandas, resurfacing old grudges from the Kasaba controversy. That said, this is still just a teaser. Any discussion on gender representation can only happen once the film is out.

MANOJ R, OPERATIONS MANAGER

It felt like a complete waste of time. I'm not watching the film until I hear genuine reviews. As for the idea of what's 'appropriate' to watch with parents, *Titanic* had its moments too and is still one of the most iconic films ever made. Ultimately, it comes down to how good the film actually is. Creators should have complete freedom, but they must also be ready to face both appreciation and criticism.

Hot Spot

YOUR GUIDE TO GETAWAYS AROUND THE CITY

Distance from B'luru: Approx. 190km

Getting there: Accessible by private vehicle

NAMDROLING MONASTERY GOLDEN TEMPLE, KODAGU

PIC: POOJA K

Entry Fee: Nil

Best Time To Visit: Till March

Timings: 9am to 6pm

Highlights

The monastery in the hills of Kodagu, known for its grand golden statues and Tibetan-style architecture, offers the best views

HARVEST REVELRY

AS the festive spirit of Makara Sankranti filled the air, the Bangalore Trades Association (BTA), celebrated its 125th year, transforming the BMRCL Rangoli Art Center into a vibrant canvas by organising a rangoli competition for women. Held in connection with the Sankranti festival, the event brought together nearly 50 participants from Navrathan Jewellers, Deepam Silks, Vijayalakshmi Silks, Navrang and various Lion Clubs. *The New Indian Express* was the media partner for the event.

The theme, 'Sankranti – The Harvest Festival', inspired a wide range of colourful interpretations, each exuding the joy and gratitude associated with the season. One of the highlights was a striking flower rangoli created by the employees of Deepam Silks, which drew warm appreciation. The first prize was jointly shared by Sumitra and Spoorthy from Navrathan Jewellers. Dhanalakshmi from the Lions Club secured the second position, while Sundari, also from the Lions Club, won the third prize. Five consolation prizes were also presented at the event.

BTA president Sreesh R Babu and vice president Vijayshekar Ravi distributed the prizes. Secretary Rajesh Bantia presented gifts to all participants and treasurer Venkateshwar proposed the vote of thanks, bringing the celebration to a close.

CITY READ

Dance school to host rangapravesha

A Bharatanatyam rangapravesha titled 'Ranga Sammilana' will be presented by dancer Sonika Satish at Dr D Premachandra Sagar Auditorium and Centre for Performing Arts at Kumaraswamy Layout, on January 17 at 5pm. The event will be organised by Natyanjali School of Dance. Sonika is a disciple of Guru Acharya Ashok Kumar. The evening will be attended by senior practitioners and arts patrons, with nattuvangam by Acharya Ashok Kumar and Vidushi Spurthi Ashok. For more details, call 96207 67766.

XPRESS FOCUS

Pujashree and the Rise of FaithTech: Authenticity, Accessibility, and Spiritual Innovation

What is the business model of Pujashree. Please share details regarding your pioneering products.

Ans: Pujashree operates at the intersection of spirituality, authenticity, and technology, positioning itself as a pioneering FaithTech platform in India. Our business model is built on three integrated verticals: authentic ritual products, curated puja kits, and guided spiritual services.

We curate and manufacture Shastra-compliant puja essentials ranging from havan samagri, dhoop, deepam oils, shankhs, and sanctified ingredients to complete ritual kits designed for specific anushthans, festivals, and life-stage ceremonies (sanskaras). What sets Pujashree apart is that every product is backed by scriptural validation, traditional sourcing methods, and modern quality controls.

In addition, we are building a digital ecosystem that combines e-commerce, quick-commerce integrations, and a certified Pandit services network ensuring that both material and method of worship are preserved with integrity.

What was the inspiration behind launching Pujashree?

Ans: Pujashree was born out of a deep concern and observation that while faith remains strong in India, authenticity in ritual practice has been steadily eroding. Many sacred rituals have become transactional, hurried, or diluted due to lack of guidance and standardized materials.

The inspiration was to restore dignity, logic, and purity to spiritual practices by reconnecting people with the original wisdom of the Shastras, while presenting it in a format suitable for modern life. Pujashree is not about reinventing rituals, but about reviving them responsibly with respect, research, and reverence.

Can you throw some light on the FaithTech industry in India. And how to do see the industry evolving over the next 5-10 years?

Ans: FaithTech in India is still at a nascent but rapidly accelerating stage. Traditionally, faith-related services have been fragmented, unorganized, and largely offline. However, the convergence of digital platforms, logistics, and rising spiritual awareness is transforming this space.

Over the next 5 10 years, we foresee FaithTech evolving into a structured ecosystem that includes authenticated products, verified practitioners, digital guidance, and global outreach. India has the

cultural depth to lead this movement globally provided technology is used not to commercialize faith, but to protect and transmit it correctly.

How are today's consumers especially younger generation changing the demand for authentic, Shastracompliant products. And, are you seeing a shift from traditional offline buying to online devotional commerce.

Ans: Today's consumers especially millennials and Gen Z are far more conscious, curious, and questioning. They are not satisfied with ritual alone; they seek meaning, source credibility, and scriptural correctness.

We are clearly seeing a shift from unverified local purchases to trusted digital platforms that offer transparency, education, and convenience. Online devotional commerce is no longer about ease alone it is about assurance. Pujashree addresses this by combining authenticity with accessibility, making correct worship possible even for urban and global devotees.

The market for spiritual products is crowded but largely unorganized. How does Pujashree ensure authenticity at every step?

Ans: Authenticity is the foundation of Pujashree. We ensure it through a multi-layered approach:

- Scriptural research and validation by traditional scholars
- Ethical sourcing and traditional manufacturing methods
- Strict quality control and ingredient transparency
- Ritual-specific product design rather than generic offerings
- Continuous documentation and education for consumers

For us, authenticity is not a marketing claim it is a responsibility toward the Divine and the devotee

How has spiritual or faith-based travel in India evolved in recent years, especially post-pandemic?

Ans: Post-pandemic, spiritual travel has shifted from mass tourism to intentional, experience-driven journeys. Pilgrims today seek depth ritual participation, local traditions, and guided spiritual experiences rather than just destination visits.

There is also a growing demand for preparedness: people want correct puja materials, ritual understanding, and contextual knowledge before they travel. This evolution aligns perfectly with Pujashree's vision of enabling spiritually aligned journeys through curated kits and guidance.

What categories or services do you believe will drive the next phase of growth for Pujashree?

The next phase of growth will be driven by:

- Sanskar-based ritual kits (life-stage ceremonies)
- Daily worship and home-mandir essentials
- Digital guidance and learning modules
- Certified Pandit services via platform integration
- Quick-commerce and subscription-based devotional essentials

These categories respond to both daily devotion and deeper spiritual milestones.

Q&A

Please share the future plans and growth strategy of Pujashree.

Ans: Our growth strategy focuses on building India's most trusted spiritual ecosystem. This includes expanding product depth, strengthening our research and validation framework, scaling digital platforms, and enabling faster access through hyperlocal and quick-commerce models.

In the long term, we aim to take India's spiritual wisdom to a global audience while remaining uncompromising on purity, authenticity, and intent.

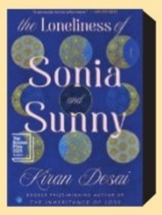
What is your brand's mission?

Ans: Pujashree's mission is simple yet profound:

To restore purity, authenticity, and dignity to spiritual practice so that every offering made to the Divine is truly worthy.

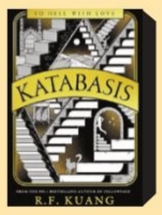
We believe the Divine deserves the purest, because through purity in worship, humanity itself becomes elevated.

BOOK NOOK



The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny
By Kiran Desai

Uncertain of their future, Sonia and Sunny embark on a search for happiness together as they confront the many alienations of our modern world.



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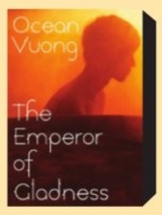
by R F Kuang

Katabasis takes readers into a thrilling myth-infused journey rooted in Ancient Greek lore. Two Cambridge academic rivals set out to rescue the soul of their advisor from the underworld, a mission that quickly tests more than their intellect.



The Emperor of Gladness
by Ocean Vuong

The author returns with a bighearted novel about a chosen family, unexpected friendship and the stories we tell ourselves in order to survive.

One Day, Everyone Will Have Always Been Against This
By Omar El Akkad

The book is a chronicle of a painful realisation, a moral grappling with what it means, as a citizen of the US, as a father, to carve out some sense of possibility in a time of carnage.

DIVINE STEPS

Students of Nritya Kala School of Dance and Arts perform Bharathanatyam as part of the Gejje Pooje ceremony at Ravindra Kalakshetra, JC Road | **NAGARAJA GADEKAL**

QUICKFIX

HOT CHOCOLATE

INGREDIENTS

- **Cocoa powder:** 1 tablespoon
- **Cinnamon stick:** 1
- **Dark chocolate (70%), chopped:** ½ cup
- **Sugar:** 1 tablespoon
- **Mini marshmallows, for topping**
- **Vanilla extract:** 1-2 drops
- **Full cream milk:** 1 cup

METHOD

- In a saucepan, add the milk, and cinnamon stick. Heat on low flame until warm and fragrant.
- Add the cocoa powder, and sugar, whisking well to avoid lumps.
- Stir in the chopped dark chocolate, and add vanilla extract; continue heating gently until it melts completely.
- Simmer for 2–3 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the drink is smooth, and slightly thick.
- Remove the cinnamon stick, and pour into a cup; top generously with mini marshmallows.
- Serve hot, letting the marshmallows soften, and melt slightly.

Tip: For an indulgent touch, gently toast the marshmallows or finish with a light dusting of cocoa powder before serving.

Contributed by **Shraddha K,** Hyderabad

NOWSTREAMING

REGIONAL

120 BAHADUR (Hindi)

Valiant Indian soldiers fight against Chinese troops during the 1962 Sino-Indian War, preventing a potential occupation of Ladakh region in the Battle of Rezang La.

Cast: Farhan Akhtar, Raashii Khanna, Vivan Bhatena

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

KALAMKAVAL (Malayalam)

A routine Kerala Police inquiry in the quiet village of Kottayikonam takes an unexpected turn when a trail of seemingly minor clues unravels into a string of disturbing cases. The investigation soon reveals some unsolved mysteries that have lingered many cases.

Cast: Mammootty, Gayathri Arun, Vinayakan

- **Watch on:** Sony LIV

FOREIGN

AGATHA CHRISTIE'S SEVEN DIALS (English)

In 1925, a country house party prank turns deadly; Lady Eileen "Bundle" Brent investigates the chilling murder plot; Lady Caterham and Superintendent Battle assist in solving the country house mystery that changes Bundle's life.

Cast: Mia McKenna-Bruce, Martin Freeman, Helena Bonham Carter

- **Watch on:** Netflix

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FITBIT

SUPPORTING BONE AND BLOOD HEALTH WITH VITAMIN K-RICH FOODS

Vitamin K is an essential nutrient that plays a key role in blood clotting, bone health and calcium regulation. While it doesn't often receive the same attention as vitamins C or D, maintaining adequate levels of vitamin K is important for overall health especially as we age.

Vitamin K helps the body form proteins required for blood coagulation, preventing excessive bleeding after injury. It also supports bone metabolism by regulating how calcium is deposited in bones, helping reduce the risk of fractures, and bone loss. There are two main forms of vitamin K: one obtained from plant-based foods, particularly leafy greens, and another produced naturally by bacteria in the gut. The recommended daily intake of vitamin K for adults is: 120 micrograms (mcg) for men & 90 mcg for women.

VITAMIN K-RICH FOODS COMMONLY AVAILABLE

A variety of everyday foods can help meet daily vitamin K needs:

- **Leafy greens:** Kale, spinach, and collard greens are among the richest sources
- **Vegetables:** Broccoli, asparagus, and green peas offer moderate amounts
- **Fruits:** Avocado, kiwi, and certain berries contribute smaller but useful quantities
- **Animal sources:** Chicken liver and some meat products contain vitamin K in limited amounts

Including a mix of these foods in regular meals can help maintain healthy vitamin K levels without supplementation.

WHO SHOULD BE CAUTIOUS?

Vitamin K deficiency is rare in adults, but intake consistency is important for certain individuals.

- **People on blood thinners:** Sudden changes in vitamin K intake can affect medication effectiveness
- **Those on cholesterol-lowering drugs:** Reduced fat absorption may limit vitamin K uptake
- **Pregnant or breastfeeding individuals on anticonvulsants:** These medications may interfere with vitamin K levels

Supplements should only be taken under medical guidance. Vitamin K toxicity from food sources is extremely rare, as no upper intake limit has been established.

Vitamin K supports vital functions ranging from clotting to bone strength, and most people can meet their needs through a balanced diet rich in vegetables and whole foods. Consistency is key, especially for those on medication. Simple dietary choices, made regularly, can go a long way in supporting long-term health.

By Madhura P Behki, nutrition expert, cult – a fitness and wellness platform

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WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Poetic Threads

Take yourself a relaxing and inclusive open-mic poetry evening, where poets and listeners come together to share and enjoy spoken word across languages. Recite your emotions in the form of poetry, or listen to the magic of words.

WHEN: January 18, 6.30pm
WHERE: Dialogues Cafe, Koramangala
CALL: 63635 56436

Enjoy the beats and dance your heart out as you witness **Sunidhi Chauhan**, being her unapologetical self as part of her 'I am Home' tour. Take your loved ones and enjoy some hits that promises to set the stage on fire. **WHEN:** January 17, 7.30pm **WHERE:** Terraform Arena, Yelahanka **DETAILS:** district.in

Timeless Rock

Relive the golden age of classic rock as music band, The Last Voyage brings high-energy riffs, soaring solos and crowd-pleasing anthems to the stage. Expect a loud, nostalgic night that celebrates the spirit, rebellion and raw power of rock 'n' roll.

WHEN: January 17, 9pm
WHERE: Hard Rock Cafe, Whitefield
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Table Bound

Roll into a fun Sunday evening of board games, good food and easy conversation. Play modern favourites, meet fellow game lovers and enjoy a cosy, no-pressure hangout. There's something for every kind of player – beginner or pro. **WHEN:** January 18, 3pm **WHERE:** Wild Rabbit Cafe and Bakehouse, Kundalahalli **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Baking Bliss

Turn simple ingredients into mouth-watering muffins. Explore the secrets to perfectly soft and fluffy muffins as you bake along and take your creations home.

WHEN: January 17, 4pm
WHERE: Clubhouz, Jayanagar
DETAILS: clubhouz.in @Instagram

Humour Hour

Ease into an evening of sharp stand-up, honest confessions, and big laughs as comedian **Abijit Ganguly** unpacks marriage, life and everything in between. Expect relatable stories, playful self-roasts and a comedy set that feels like a candid conversation.

WHEN: January 18, 6pm
WHERE: The Comedy Theatre, Indiranagar
DETAILS: district.in

ARTCORNER

ILA, THE SENTINEL OF TRUST

Chennai-based artist Jhanvi's work explores a mix of traditional cross-hatching techniques with ink and modern geometric patterns. Ila is portrayed as the protector of the forest – fierce and territorial but is also a passionate mother – kind and tender

YET TO COME – TO INDIA

WITH POPULAR KOREAN BOY GROUP BTS ANNOUNCING THEIR COMEBACK TOUR VENUES AND DATES FOR 2026 RECENTLY, FANS ARE DISAPPOINTED TO FIND INDIA MISSING

MAHIMA NAGARAJU

EVER since BTS dropped the news of their return and world tour two weeks ago, Indian ARMYs (BTS fandom's name) have been waiting with bated breath, sure that the Korean group would be coming to India. After all, the boys' management company, HYBE, opening a branch in Mumbai, group member V remarking, 'Indian ARMYs, see you next year' during a livestream and Jungkook's GOLDEN: The Moments exhibition, being held in Mumbai recently, seemed to be pointing in that direction. "There was a lot of excitement because Indian ARMYs have waited a long time for BTS' concert here. The disappointment is stemming from the fact that people had started buying fanclub memberships, figuring out how to book tickets, etc., even before the announcement," says Aakanksha Awasthy, a 24-year-old consultant.

The tour comes four years after BTS' last group concert and seven years after their last world tour in 2019, before the pandemic and compulsory military service put a stop to plans. Despite their disappointment, many fans are falling back on their plan B: travelling to one of the 34 cities on the list. Opportunities are plenty, with around 79 shows spread from April to December. "I was also prepared to go to Bangkok in case India didn't have any dates. Now it all depends on whether I get tickets – it's usually a bloodbath," says Tanisha Bose, a scientist. She adds, "My friends and I have a priority list of countries – Thailand is first because of easy visas for Indians and affordability. People are also looking at Goyang (the first stop) and Busan (on BTS' 13th anniversary). We may make December vacation plans around the concert, too."

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> Aakanksha Awasthy, consultant

Those who can't travel have been given a lease of hope by a line in the announcement indicating 2027 dates in Japan, the Middle East, and more. "BTS is going to many new cities this time and also changing stage views to a 360-degree format to accommodate more people. So I'm really positive about 2027 (in India)." comments Nishitha Rout, a software engineer. Awasthy is hoping for livestream options for fans missing out, saying optimistically, "BTS is finally back – it doesn't matter if it's not in India, it's going to happen. All of us are just going to be part of it in one way or the other and that brings me so much joy." She adds with a laugh, "There's a lot of time to save now, let's get rich and stand at the barricade!"

NUTRIWISE

Sadhvika Srinivas

(The writer is the director and chief nutritionist at LivStack Health and Performance)

Secret to smart dining

HOME-COOKED meals, seven days a week may sound ideal, but for most working individuals, and families, it is not always practical. Cooking fatigue, social commitments, travel, or simply the need for a break often lead us to dine out. Contrary to popular belief, eating at restaurants does not automatically derail health goals. What truly matters is what you choose, how much you eat, and how often you dine out.

Research consistently shows that frequent restaurant meals are associated with higher calorie intake, excess sodium, and increased consumption of saturated fats. However, studies also highlight that mindful choices, especially increased vegetable intake and portion control, can significantly reduce these effects. Dining out, therefore, need not be an 'all-or-nothing' situation.

One of the most effective, evidence-based strategies is the plate method, recommended by multiple nutrition and diabetes associations worldwide. When applied to restaurant meals, it offers a simple visual guide.

Start with protein, which should occupy roughly one-quarter of your plate. Protein helps improve satiety, stabilise blood sugar levels, and prevent overeating later in the meal. Good options include eggs, chicken, fish, dal, tofu, paneer, mushrooms, rajma, and channa. Choosing grilled, steamed, or lightly sautéed preparations over fried versions makes a significant difference to overall calorie intake.

Next comes vegetables, which should take up more than half your plate. Vegetables add volume, fibre, micronutrients, and antioxidants without excessive calories. When dining out, look for salads, stir-fried vegetables, or vegetable-based curries. If vegetables are limited on the menu, do not hesitate to request sliced cucumber, carrots, or sautéed greens as a side; most restaurants are happy to accommodate.

Finally, add carbohydrates such as rice, noodles, roti, or bread. Carbohydrates are not the enemy, but portion size is key. Research shows that restaurant portions are often two to three times larger than recommended servings. Being mindful here helps keep energy intake in check.

Sequence matters

Studies on appetite regulation suggest that beginning a meal with low-calorie, high-volume foods can reduce total calorie consumption. Starting with a clear vegetable soup or bone broth is a practical way to slow eating and curb hunger.

For starters, opt for grilled vegetables or protein-rich options rather than deep-fried snacks. Moving on to veggie-loaded rice or noodle dishes ensures better fibre intake and improved fullness.

Smart regional choices

At South Indian restaurants, small swaps can go a long way. Skipping fryums and papads in favour of cucumber-onion raita, choosing ragi dosae and ending the meal with buttermilk instead of sweet lassi helps reduce refined carbs and added sugars. Stews paired with appam are another balanced option, as they are largely vegetable-based and gently cooked.

Navigating western cuisine

Western meals can be trickier due to limited vegetables and heavier use of creams, cheese, and mayonnaise. Evidence suggests that meals high in saturated fat are less satiating, often leading to overeating. Ask for extra vegetables, skip creamy sauces, and choose grilled or baked mains.

If pizza or burgers are what you are craving, portion control becomes crucial. One or two plain slices or a simple burger with fewer add-ons is far better than oversized, heavily processed options. Vegetable pizzas often contain high amounts of processed cheese and oil, so moderation, or skipping them altogether, is wise. Pasta can be a good choice when it includes generous amounts of vegetables like mushrooms, zucchini, peas, and greens.

Choose the method wisely

Across cuisines, steamed, grilled, boiled, and baked foods consistently result in lower calorie intake compared to deep-fried options. Research shows that simply changing the cooking method can reduce meal calories by 20 to 40 per cent without reducing portion size.

Dining out is not about perfection; it is about intentional choices. With simple strategies rooted in nutrition science, restaurant meals can coexist with long-term health, enjoyment, and balance.

NUGGETS

Restaurant to celebrate India's regional cuisine

JW Kitchen at JW Marriott Hotel Bengaluru is curating a month-long celebration of India's regional kitchens available till January 31 from 7pm to 10.30pm. Savour the menu's delicious offerings, which has Uttarakhand's aloo ke gutke, Rajasthan's laal maas, Assamese fish curry, and Lucknow's galawati kebabs, Kolkata's kosha mangsho, the flavours of Kashmiri rogan josh, among others. End your meal with traditional desserts, which include Kumaoni halwa, malpua with rabri, roshogolla, and a lot more options. It is priced at ₹3,250++ per person. For reservations, call 88844 94037.

Classic cocktails to get local twist from Jan 21 to 24

Twisted Classic Cocktail Week, set to happen from January 21 to 24 at The Blue Bar, Taj West End, will be a celebration of iconic cocktails reimagined through the lens of local flavours. Classic cocktails reimagined with South Indian ingredients such as filter coffee, nannari, kokum, curry leaf, coconut, jaggery, and pepper, will be on offer. Sample Mysore old fashioned, filter coffee negroni, curry leaf gimlet and more. For reservations, call 080 6660 5660.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) KALLAPPA,** father of NO.16120067X, HAV, BASAPPA UPPALADINNI, Residing at Tonsyal (Vill), Tonsyal (Post), Babaleshwar (Tehsil), Vijayapura (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 586108, Have Changed my name to **(NEW NAME) KALLAPPA GURUBASAPPA UPPALADINNI** And **DOB** from **01.07.1964** to **01.01.1967** Vide Affidavit Dated 09.01.2026 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **AMEEN MUKARRAM KHAN KHAN** S/o Mukarram Ahmed Khan, residing at No.41/1, 2nd Floor, Khazi Street Cross Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru - 560004, hereby changed my name as **'AMEEN MUKARRAM KHAN',** vide affidavit dated 16.01.2026 before Notary Public ARAVIND PATIL G.G. B'lore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RUKSANA JABEEN AMEER,** D/o Late Ameer and Noor Jahan, R/at NO. 169, 1st Cross, Bhattarahalli, Behind Sharavathi Layout, Bengaluru-560 049 do hereby declare that my correct name is **RUKSANA JABEEN AMEER,** but in my bank account, my name is mentioned as **RUKSANA JABEEN,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **RUKSANA JABEEN AMEER** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 16-01-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G. RAJENDRA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NAHUSHA .T.M,** Wb Sri Harish, .B.M, age 41 years, R/at No. 5AH, 39th C Cross, Poorna Chandra Layout, (D Group Layout) Srigand hada Kavalu, Bengaluru-560091do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **NAHUSHA HARISH** to **NAHUSHA .T.M,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **NAHUSHA .T.M** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 16-01-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **VANAJAKSHI .R** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mohammed Fareed,** Aged about 44 years, S/o B. Abdul Khaleel, No.178/A, 6th Cross, Ilyasnagar, Bangalore - 560078, I declare that In School records of my son his name is mentioned wrongly as **MOHAMMED FAIZAN'.** I declare that my son's correct name is **MOHAMMED MIZAN,** vide affidavit dated 16/1/2026 sworn to before S Vijayakumar Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Smt. VIJAYA LAKSHMIKANTHA, W/o Lakshmikantha, Aged about 42 years, residing at No. 33, Anjaneya Temple 1st Street, Link Road, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru 560 020, have changed my name from VIJAYA to VIJAYA LAKSHMIKANTHA vide Affidavit, dated 14/01/2026, sworn to before Advocate and Notary public M.S. Satish, Bangalore.**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **K. B. LATHA,** W/o H. N. Jagadish, aged 67 years, (Aadhaar No. 5667 5858 8787), residing at No. 1559/6, Srimatruka B Block, 9th Main, Near UCO Bank, Sahakar Nagar, Bengaluru - 560092, Have Changed My Name from **K. B. LATHA, BHIMARAO KOLAR & KOLAR BHIMARAO LATHA to KALLAMBALLI BHEEMARAO LATHA.** Vide Affidavit Dated 16.01.2026 before Notary C.N. CHANDRASHEKAR. Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) KAMALA,** mother of NO.16120067X, HAV, BASAPPA UPPALADINNI, Residing at Tonsyal (Vill), Tonsyal (Post), Babaleshwar (Tehsil), Vijayapura (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 586108, Have Changed my name to **(NEW NAME) KAMALAVVA UPPALADINNI** And **DOB** from **01.07.1970** to **01.01.1976** Vide Affidavit Dated 09.01.2026 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE

AFFIDAVIT

I, **GANGULA SRIKANTHA REDDY,** S/o. G V Siva Rama Reddy, aged about 59 years, residing at No. 445 F Block, Sahakaranagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560092, do hereby declare that my name as **GANGULA SRIKANTHA REDDY, G SREEKANTHA REDDY** and **G SRIKANTHA REDDY** all above names belongs to me and same person mentioned in various documents, vide affidavit dated 16.01.2026, sworn to before K.V. Nanjaiah, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RAGHURAM .M.A,** (Old Name), S/o. **M.R. Aswath Narayan Rao,** resident of No. 23C, Atria, Aquila Heights Apartments, H.M.T. Road, Jalahalli, Bangalore - 560013, have changed my name to **ASWATH NARAYAN RAO RAGHURAM MANDIKAL,** (New Name), vide affidavit dated: 16/1/2026 Before Notary **Chandrakala** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ISWARAYYA HIREMATH (DOB: 26.05.1975) S/o. Basayya Hiremath Residing at No.16, 2nd Block, 1st Cross, Vishwapriya Layout, Balamuri Ganesha Temple Road, Begur, Bengaluru-560068 have changed my Name to **ISWARAYYA B HIREMATH** vide affidavit Dated: 14.01.2026 Sworn before Notary Dharani. P., Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

We, Mr.MOHAMMED MOHSIN KHAN and Mrs. SABA FIRDOSE, Residing at No. NO 4/a, 1st Floor, 11th Main Near Indian Public School, Kanakanagar, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bangalore -560078 we have changed our Daughter Name from **(OLD NAME) AAIRA KHAN to (NEW NAME) "KHADIJA KHAN"** Vide affidavit dated 12.01.2026 sworn before Notary "C SHARADA, B.Sc., LLB., D Pharma", Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **APITHA RAGHUNATHAN, D/o Sri. K Raghunathan, aged 44 years, residing at No. 88, 4th Cross, 1st Main, Nagarabhavi Village, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore, Karnataka 560 072, hereby declare that my names APITHA R / APITHA BHAT belongs to one and the same person, henceforth, I have decided to continue my name in future as APITHA RAGHUNATHAN vide Affidavit Dated 14-01-2026, sworn to before Advocate and Notary Deepa .M, Bangalore**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **H.N.JAGADISH,** C/o H. L. Narayana Rao, Residing at No. 1559/6, Srimatruka B Block, 9th Main, Near UCO Bank, Sahakar Nagar, Bengaluru - 560092, Have Changed My Name from **HARADANAHALLI NARAYANARAO JAGADISH & JAGADISH to H.N.JAGADISH.** Vide Affidavit Dated 16.01.2026 before Notary C.N. CHANDRASHEKAR. Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) B NEELAVENI,** Spouse of NO.16118048N, HAV, BOYA RAMANAIDU, residing at House NO. 3-116, W Govindinne, B C Colony, Dornipadu, Kurnool (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 518135, Have Changed my name to **(NEW NAME) TALARI NEELAVENI** Vide Affidavit Dated 14.01.2026 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ARJUN R PATEL,** S/o. Ravindra .M.K, aged about 22 years, residing at No.73, MKs, Royal Enclave, 5th Cross, Near ATREE Office, Srirampura, Rachenhalli, Jakkur Po, Bengaluru-560064, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RAVINDRA USHA ARJUN** to **ARJUN R PATEL,** vide affidavit dated 16.01.2026, sworn to before C.V. EARAPPA, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VRUSHALI S KULKARNI,** D/o Sanjay Kulkarni, age 27 years, R/at Flat No.A803, Brigade Omega, BSK 6th Stage, 1st Block, near Sri Sri Convention Hall, Subramanyapura, Thurahalli, Bengaluru-560 061 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **VRUSHLI** to **VRUSHALI S KULKARNI,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **VRUSHALI S KULKARNI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 16-01-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **Mahesha J.J.** at Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHIREEN JAMADAR,** aged about 45 years, W/o. Mr. Imtiyaz Ahmad Jamadar, presently residing at Flat No.104, Vishnu Residency, Near Narayana E-Techno School, Thubarahalli Village, Whitefield Post, Bangalore-560066, Karnataka India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHIREEN YADAGERI** to **SHIREEN JAMADAR,** vide affidavit dated 16.01.2026, sworn to before K.V. Jagannath Reddy, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ALEEM AHMED, S/o. Nazeer Ahmed Khan, Resident of No. 21/1, Ranoji Rao Lane, Kalasipalyam, Bengaluru -560002, Karnataka, have changed my name to ALEEM AHMED KHAN vide affidavit dated: 15.01.2026 before notary FAHIM UNNISA, Bengaluru.**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Namrata Nagendra Mote,** W/o Pradhani Mallappa Shandage, aged about 27 years, residing in Morab, Belgaum, Raibagh, Kudachi Hobli, Morab, Karnataka – 591317, have changed my name from **"Namrata Nagendra Mote"** to **"Namrata Pradhani Shandage"** after my marriage vide Affidavit dated 05.01.2026 sworn to before Chandrashekaraiah S, Notary, Bengaluru and I shall use **"Namrata Pradhani Shandage"** for all my documents, deeds, writing and signing and I state that both the names belong to me.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DARSHAN MASUR (Old name),resident of A-311, Sri Sai Supreme Apartment, Opp.to Nandi Apartment, Gottigere,Bangalore South,Bangalore-560083, Karnataka, have changed my name as DARSHAN MASUR (New name), vide affidavit sworn before notary L.P.Lamani, on 12/01/2026, at Vijayapura.**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, THARESH KUMAR B U, aged about 50 years, S/o. Late Umashankar B N, Residing at No.52, 1st Floor, 3rd Cross, Panduranga Road, Bendrenagar, Near Kadirenahalli Cross, Bengaluru-560070. have changed my Minor Son's name from **(OLD NAME) KASISH T** to **(NEW NAME) ABHINAV TEJ BAMBHORE** vide affidavit dated 13.01.2026 sworn before Notary S.N.Madhu., Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VINUTHA JAYAKRISHNA,** D/o K.V. Jayakrishna, aged about 49 years, R/at Atria 1 D, Tata Aquila Heights, HMT Township, Jalahalli East, Bengaluru-560013, do here by declare that I have changed my name from **VINUTHA SHIVAKUMAR** to **VINUTHA JAYAKRISHNA** henceforth I shall be known and called as **VINUTHA JAYAKRISHNA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 14/03/2025 sworn before Advocate and Notary **S. VENKATASUBBA REDDY** at Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mr. K. MURALIDHARAN SANKARAN NAIR,** S/o Mr. Manathanath Sankaran Nair, age 62 years, R/at No. A-02, Nethra Homes, Kereguddadahalli, Chikkabanavara, Bengaluru-560 090 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MURALEEDHARAN KODAKKAT** to **K. MURALIDHARAN SANKARAN NAIR,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **K. MURALIDHARAN SANKARAN NAIR** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 14-01-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **N. MAHESHA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **IMTIYAZ AHMAD JAMADAR,** aged about 54 years, S/o. Mr. Sharfuddin Gaibusaheb Jamadar, presently residing at Flat No.104, Vishnu Residency, Near Narayana E-Techno School, Thubarahalli Village, Whitefield Post, Bangalore-560066, Karnataka India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **IMTIYAZ AHMAD SHARFUDDIN JAMADAR** to **IMTIYAZ AHMAD JAMADAR,** vide affidavit dated 16.01.2026, sworn to before K.V. Jagannath Reddy, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Manjunath Nayaker, S/o Nagaraj resident of No. 60 (118), 3rd Floor, 2nd Cross, Residency Road, Bengaluru - 560025, father of Vedanth Kagaya, aged 15 years, resident of the same address, hereby declare that my son's name has now been changed by adding his middle name - to Vedanth Nayaker Kagaya for all future purposes including passport. vide Affidavit, dated 16/01/2026, sworn to before Advocate and Notary public D.B. Ramesh Bhaskar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Skandaprasad Sivasri,** aged about 29 years, W/o L. S. Tejasvi Surya, residing at #381, 1st A Main Road, Girinagar, 1st Phase, near Vivekananda Park, Bengaluru South, Banashankari III Stage, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560 085, have changed my name from **"Skandaprasad Sivasri"** to **"Sivasri Tejasvi Surya"** after my marriage vide Affidavit dated 05.01.2026, sworn to before Chandrashekaraiah S, Notary, Bengaluru and I shall use **"Sivasri Tejasvi Surya"** for all my documents, deeds, writing and signing and I state that both the names belong to me.

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BHARATHI TEACHER

Director: Prasanna ML

Cast: Rohith Raghavendra, Yashika Chaira, Sihi Kahi Chandru Ashwin Hassan, Govinde Gowda, Divya Anchan, Benaka Nanjappa Rangaswamy M and Soujanya Sunil

WHEN IDEALISM WEARS A SCHOOL UNIFORM

A SHARADHAA

BHARATHI Teacher, 7th Standard takes us back to 2011 to Hulikere Pura village in Maddur taluk, home to 1,418 people, where literacy is limited to most adults being able to sign their names. There is no school, and children travel to neighbouring villages to study. These are not end-of-credit statistics in *Bharathi Teacher*, 7th Standard. They form the emotional core of director ML Prasanna's film, where social urgency takes precedence over sentiment, and a classroom uniform becomes a symbol of resistance.

Prasanna first introduces his main character through a classic dramatic approach. A woman in labour on a bus, an emotional song playing, the ashes of her dead husband on one side, and a newborn arriving on the other. Life and death share the same space. That child is Bharathi, and from this point, the film makes it clear that emotion and social purpose will be intertwined.

Bharathi is raised by her widowed mother (Soujanya Sunil) and guided by the village teacher, played by Sihi Kahi Chandru. She grows up with images of Gandhi, Buddha, and Ambedkar way before she learns multiplication tables. Chandru's performance is key to the film's moral center. He portrays the teacher not as a crusader, but as a weary idealist who believes that language and learning can restore dignity. His quiet, conversational scenes with Bharathi provide the film its softest yet most powerful moments.

Bharathi (Yashika) avoids easy sentiment. There are no staged moments of charm, only watchful eyes and a determined curiosity. Whether she is questioning elders, convincing children to attend classes, or standing quietly before authority, her performance relies on restraint. When emotion finally emerges, it hits with unexpected force.

Music carries the story forward as songs highlight key moments of Bharathi's growth, replace dialogue, and shift emotions. The opening delivery scene, schoolyard rhythms, and moments of setback are all shaped musically, keeping the storytelling smooth.

RATING 2.5/5

Disruption occurs when Kencha (Govinde Gowda), a flawed but well-meaning adult, lands in jail due to Bharathi's actions. At the same time, Rajashekar (Rohit Raghavendra), a self-styled youth activist, makes dramatic gestures that act as visual jokes and subtle political commentary. In contrast, Bharathi takes a more challenging route: she goes door-to-door, persuading children to attend school. She learns from her teacher that offering free education does not attract crowds, but promising a movie screening miles away makes people walk without complaint. This insight reveals much about survival and motivation. Ashwin Haasan, as a police officer assigned to the village, represents authority that watches more than it intervenes.

The film's most impactful moment occurs when district collector Aditya (Aditya) comes to Maddhur. Bharathi does not seek awards or applause. She asks for one thing only: that everyone in her village must be educated. Not sympathy or recognition, but proper resources. The film supports this demand with statistics, allowing numbers to speak where speeches typically do. What feels less convincing is the teacher's decision to give Bharathi a tablet, which quickly turns into a tool for change—a convenient jump the screenplay doesn't fully justify.

With the teacher's retirement, Bharathi, still in seventh standard, takes on an unfinished dream. Inspired by stories of the Kadamba dynasty and the value of the mother tongue, she advocates for Kannada as a means to dignity, not just education. The ending avoids miraculous resolutions. There are no sweeping changes, only cautious parents, partial enrollments, and fragile beginnings. Systems move slower than hope, but hope must arrive first.

If *Bharathi Teacher*, 7th Standard sometimes opts to state its message explicitly rather than allowing conflict to fully convey it, that reflects its sincerity. It may feel like a story being told instead of a world being lived in, but within that framework lies a quietly bold idea: social responsibility does not start after graduation, success, or permission. Sometimes it begins in a school uniform with a question that no adult seems brave enough to ask.

Saikumar is the real hero of *Chowkidar*: Pruthvi Ambaar

The film is currently slated for a release on January 30

CE FEATURES

CHOWKIDAR, directed by Chandrashekar Bandiyappa, starring Prithvi Ambar and Dhanya Ramkumar, is slated for release on January 30. The makers have released the film's trailer around the occasion of Sankranti. According to the makers, *Chowkidar* focuses on emotions, memories, and the idea that protection begins within the family, with a strong emphasis on the father son relationship.

Police Inspector Raghavendra Gowda spoke about different forms of protection. He said soldiers protect the country at the borders, police protect society, and within a family, the father acts as the true protector. He added that the trailer reminded him of parents who are often forgotten due to work pressure, and whose value is fully understood only in their absence.

High Court advocate Praveen spoke about the importance of teamwork in cinema, calling films a director's dream and a producer's responsibility. He appreciated producer Kallahalli Chandrashekar for supporting the film under the VS Entertainment banner, with Vidhyadevi joining as co producer, and said the commitment of the team was evident from the trailer.

Director Chandrashekar Bandiyappa clarified that the title has no political meaning and that *Chowkidar* simply means protector. He said the film presents exactly what he wanted to convey. The film has music by Sachin Basrur, with lyrics by V Nagendra Prasad, Santosh Nayak, and Pramod Maravante.

Actor Prithvi Ambar said that the director guided him throughout the shoot and that reading the script brought positive changes in his own life. He added that veteran actor Saikumar is the real hero of the film, as his character carries the emotional core of the story. Saikumar, who has completed 50 years in cinema, plays a key role in the father son narrative.

The film also features Shwetha of Chaitrada Premanjali fame, Sudharani, Bigg Boss-fame Gilli, and Dharma in important roles. The technical crew of the film includes cinematography by Siddu Kanchanahalli, editing by Gnanesh Matad, choreography by Murali Master, and action sequences by Jai Subrahmanya.

Shivarajkumar, Upendra and Raj B Shetty's *45* to stream on digital platform

CE FEATURES

THE latest Kannada film '*45*', starring Shivarajkumar, Upendra, and Raj B. Shetty, released during Christmas, to a positive response. Produced by Ramesh Reddy under Suraj Productions, with a lavish budget, the film is now all set to start streaming on OTT. The digital and satellite rights have been acquired by ZEE, and ZEE5 Kannada confirmed that the film will stream starting January 23, calling it a "special gift for Sankranti." The trailer is already out, offering viewers a glimpse of the fantasy spectacle.

'*45*' is a fantasy drama that explores life, death, and the journey of the soul. Inspired by Garudapurana, fate, karma, and morality, director Arjun Janya has created a visually rich world where action, philosophy, and emotion come together. The climactic sequences feature Shivarajkumar in multiple avatars, each entrance marked by his signature Shiva Tandava. Upendra appears in a striking new look, while Raj B Shetty drives much of the narrative, and Manasi Sudhir plays his mother.

The film also stars Kaustubh Mani and Jisshu Sengupta, with cinematography by Sathya Hegde, editing by K Prakash, and dialogues by Anil Kumar. Arjun Janya has not only directed but has also composed the music for the film.

VJS-Puri film is *Slumdog*

CE FEATURES

WE had earlier reported that actor Vijay Sethupathi is all set to team up with Telugu director Puri Jagannadh, who is best known for films like *Badri*, *Pokiri*, and *iSmart Shankar*. On Friday, coinciding with the actor's birthday, the makers announced that the film has been titled *Slum Dog* with the tagline '*33 Temple Road*'. The shooting for the film has been wrapped up, and is currently in the post-production stage.

The ensemble cast of the film also includes Samyuktha, Tabu, Duniya Vijay Kumar, Brahmaji, and VTV Ganesh. National Award-winning composer Harshavardhan Rameshwar, known for his work in *Arjun Reddy* and *Animal*, is composing the music for the film. Apart from Tamil and Telugu *Slum Dog* will also be released in Kannada, Malayalam, and Hindi. On the other hand, Vijay Sethupathi will also appear in *Gandhi Talks*, *Train*, and *Arasan*.

A still from the film

KARTIK BHARDWAJ

THIS MADCAP SPY-COMEDY HAS ITS MOMENTS

HAPPY PATEL

Director: Vir Das and Kavi Shastri

Cast: Vir Das, Mona Singh, Mithila Palkar, Sharib Hashmi and Srushti Tawade

UNCHECKED. Watching chef Sanjeev Kapoor getting smacked across the face was not in my 2026 wishlist (Curious. Does the signature smile wipe off?). Nor was witnessing two "agents" covertly converse over sips of chai, in a Morse-coded language made out of slurp noises. A bald, white guy strolls on the screen and says 'Hi' every time the film's recently-Hindi-learnt Britain-brought-up protagonist pronounces 'tum' as Tom. It is safe to conclude that *Happy Patel*: Khatarnak Jasoos is a madcap, crazy, unabashed, absurdist, relentless ride. It doesn't always make sense, but then it never promised to. Like a constantly improvising comedy sketch, no gag is left unturned in the film, no line is without an undercurrent of humour, and no minute is without you thinking: What the hell is happening?

Stand-up comedian-actor Vir Das is Happy, the adopted son of two gay British secret agents. He wanted to follow in his father's footsteps, but he failed the covert agency MI7's exam seven times. Happy's real calling, however, comes from the kitchen. In an early scene, we watch him assemble a mean sandwich while doing ballet over a song whose lyrics declare: "I am alpha male." Tiger, Pathaan and Kabir must order a takeout.

Happy soon learns that he is of Indian origin ("That's why that girl in college called me a Paki"). And no later than he is assigned to Goa, on a mission to rescue and retrieve a white woman who is being forced to work in a factory on developing a formula for a fairness cream. Her tormentor is local Donna Mama (Mona Singh), who is evil enough to dip a cutlet in tea before crunching on it. She also harbours an inter-generational enmity with Happy and is eager to settle scores. With a spy training that chiefly included watching Bollywood movies, *Happy Patel* lands in Goa. He speaks Hindi 'thora thora' (little, little) in the tone of a British administrator who is willing to forego 'lagaan' over a cricket match. The result is often hilarious as he mispronounces normal words to their closest sounding expletives ('chhat' (terrace) becomes…). Happy's aides are the MI7's "local" coordinator, a Goan rare-bird turbaned-Sikh Geet (the always entertaining Sharib Hashmi), a genre staple tech whizkid Roxy (singer Srushti Tawade), and a dancing girl cum honey-trap Rupa (Mithila Palkar), who reflexively slaps him anytime a romantic moment starts budding between them. *Happy Patel* has this enticing, comic-booky, Scott Pilgrim-coded energy, which is refreshing. Anything that can go bonkers will do. Don't be surprised if a frail waiter in the film says that he has an OnlyFans account.

In times of so much self-censorship, where each thought goes through multiple checks before being expressed, watching *Happy Patel* feels liberating. Debut directors Vir Das and Kavi Shastri go all guns blazing. The jokes come rat-tat-tat, and although the humour doesn't always hit the mark, the film believes that you miss all the shots you don't take. There are both meta and Modi references, and a certain actor gets to do action on 'Pappu can't dance saala'. *Happy Patel* is Delhi Belly (2011) on drugs, and Madgaon Express (2024) if they all ultimately decided not to hide but to snort the cocaine.

But how crazy is too much crazy? The film has a thin plot and quickly becomes a nonsensical sensory experience that jumps from one sketch piece to another. It is bold and experimental, but with too many chemical mixes, there is always a risk that the beaker might just burst. *Happy Patel* often trades coherence for wackiness. It gets desperate enough to resort to fart jokes. You laugh, but you don't know if you are laughing with the film or at all the absurdities that are unfolding. Humour is subjective, and the film is certainly not everybody's cup of tea. It's like dipping a cutlet in that tea. One might consider it disgusting, some might call it an acquired taste.

HANS ZIMMER JOINS *HARRY POTTER* SERIES

CE FEATURES

HBO's series adaptation of JK Rowling's *Harry Potter* books has received a major upgrade, with Hans Zimmer joining the project as its background score composer. Zimmer and Bleeding Fingers Music, the company he owns, has been attached to work on the project. Each of Rowling's books in the novel series will have a series adaptation. As reported earlier, Dominic McLaughlin, Alastair Stout, and Arabella Stanton have been attached to star in it as Harry Potter, Ron Weasley, and Hermione Granger, respectively.

The series's writer, Francesca Gardiner, also acts as an executive producer and the showrunner, with Rowling herself serving as an executive producer. Mark Mylod has been attached to direct more than one episode, in addition to working in the capacity of an executive producer.

Announcing the news, Zimmer and composers Anze Rozman and Kara Talve of Bleeding Fingers Music said, "The musical legacy of *Harry Potter* is a touch point for composers everywhere, and we are humbled to join such a remarkable team on a project of this magnitude."

Sophie Turner's Lara Croft look out

CE FEATURES

PRIME Video has unveiled the first look at Sophie Turner as Lara Croft from the upcoming series, *Tomb Raider*. Phoebe Waller-Bridge, known for Fleabag and *Killing Eve*, has created *Tomb Raider*.

The upcoming action-adventure series is based on the video game franchise of the same name, which was created by Core Design. The first game in the series was released in 1996. With Waller-Bridge serving as co-showrunner, writer, and executive producer, Tomb Rider also has Chad Hodge as co-showrunner and executive producer, and Jonathan Van Tulleken, who will serve as director and executive producer.

The cast of *Tomb Raider* also includes Martin Bobb-Semple as Zip, Jason Isaacs as Atlas De-Mornay, Bill Paterson as Winston, Jack Bannon as Gerry, John Heffernan as David, Celia Imrie as Francine, Paterson Joseph as Thomas Warner, Sasha Luss as Sasha, Juliette Motamed as Georgia, August Wittgenstein as Lukas, and Sigourney Weaver as Evelyn Wallis.

"I've been a longtime fan of *Tomb Raider* and the character of Lara. She has always felt for me, very emboldened in a male-dominated world. She's a fierce female role model," said Turner.